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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2011

Drama as man hurt in 60-foot fall onto rocks at Friars Point

A MAJOR rescue operation was launched at Friars Point in Barry on Friday evening, September 30, after a man fell 60 feet onto rocks below.

Despite the height of the fall, the 28-year-old man's only serious injury was a broken leg.

The rescue was co-ordinated by the Maritime Co-ordination Centre in Swansea.

Coastguards from Barry and Penarth, the Barry Dock Lifeboat, the Search and Cliff Rescue team from Llantwit Major, along with the Fire and Ambulance Services converged on the scene.

The services had to decide whether he

should be taken away by sea or across the rocks.

A spokesman for the Llantwit Search and Cliff Rescue team told The GEM: "At 4pm the Coastguard Search and Cliff Rescue team based in Llantwit Major was requested to respond to a man, aged 28, who fell on the rocks at Friars Point, Barry Island.

"The casualty had fallen about 60 feet onto rocks which made the recovery difficult. However, once secured onto a stretcher, he was brought up off the rocks and taken to a waiting ambulance."

Robin Jackson, station officer of the Llantwit Major team, said: "It was a multi-agency call where members of all the emergency

services interacted swiftly to stabilise, secure and recover the casualty."

A spokesman for the Barry Dock Lifeboat said: "It was thought the crew may have to evacuate the man from the seaward side, but the combined efforts of the services involved meant we were able to treat and evacuate him across the difficult, rocky conditions."

The man was taken to the University Hospital of Wales where he was treated for a broken leg.

OVERDUE VESSEL. Earlier on the same day, Barry Dock Lifeboat was launched to look for an overdue vessel.

A lifeboat spokesman said: "After a four-hour search, nothing was found and it was believed to be a false alarm with good intent."

On Monday, October 3, the lifeboat went to the Bendrick Rock area where a jet ski with two people on board had got into difficulty.

The lifeboat rescued the people and secured the jet ski. The two people were then transferred to the Penarth Inshore Lifeboat for their final journey to shore at the Hayes Slipway.



PUPILS at Bryn Hafren School, Barry, dressed in a variety of national costumes for their Language Day. • See page 23

PEOPLE WOKEN ON SATURDAY MORNING BY ALARM...

Dow Corning launch an investigation into unplanned release of hydrogen chloride

by TIM CHAPMAN

PEOPLE in Barry were woken early on Saturday morning by the insistent tone of the Dow Corning siren, which sounded just before 6.30am.

The company confirmed that it had sounded its alarm because there had been a release of hydrogen chloride.

When the siren sounds, people are advised to close any windows and doors.

People in Cadoxton and Gibbonsdown were able to see a white cloud rising skywards.

A spokeswoman for Dow Corning told The GEM: "At 6.25am on October 1, we had a small release of material when a pressure gauge on part of our plant failed.

"This led to the generation of a small cloud of hydrogen chloride with the potential to impact the surrounding area.

"We sounded our alarm as a precautionary warning to our local community.

"The instrument concerned was quickly isolated and the leak stopped by our on-site response team.

"At 6.55am we sounded the all-clear alarm."

The company added that it had launched an investigation into "the cause of the failure".

The Vale's MP, Alun Cairns, said that he had contacted the site manager directly, and

Dow Corning had confirmed that there had been a small leak on the Barry site.

An amount of hydrogen chloride had leaked close to the plant's boundary but did not cross it and was quickly and effectively dealt with.

Mr Cairns told The GEM that he had been contacted by several concerned local residents.

Mr Cairns emphasised: "I'm so pleased that the small leak of HCL on the site was dealt with promptly and with no injuries to staff or local residents."

"Dow Corning staff responded quickly and safely to the incident - testament to the health, safety and environmental procedures already set in place."

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'Hands off the Porthkerry Park'

AS I look around our lovely Porthkerry Country Park, I believe it caters for the variety of tastes.

There are seats for the elderly who cannot any more go the distance they used to do, but enjoy the exercise.

The picnickers have tables provided and barbecues can be used (but can people bring something to stand the throw-away versions on to save scorching the grass?)

The recently-extended children's adventure playground now offers facilities for slightly older children as well.

The golf course gives those who would probably be unable to afford to use a proper one,

exercise without realising it! This also keeps the middle-aged 'in trim'.

The lovely meadow encourages the playing of football, throwing frisbees and flying kites.

The car park is free all the year, except for bank holiday Mondays and Sundays during the summer season.

I cannot see that there is anything more that anyone should expect from a country park, all provided free, which must be a bonus for cash-strapped families these days; yet we are hearing rumours that commercialisation is about to rear its ugly head there!

Why cannot it be left to Barry Island to provide that sort of thing?
Mrs DE Coombes Herridge, Barry

WEEDING OUT THE PROBLEMS!

LAST Friday (September 23) I rang the Vale Council's highway maintenance depot to report a long-standing problem of heavy weed growth in the road gutter at Marine Drive, where the road edge has broken away.

After answering all the usual third-degree questions about name, rank and serial number, I was then astonished to be asked if I had identified any Japanese Knotweed present in the highway!

I broke down in fits of

laughter at this and, fearing more questions in a similar vein, I said I was unable to continue.

The lady assistant replied rather huffily that this was a standard question regarding weed control.

My point is, if the council will pay for me to attend botany classes, I will pay for them to have common sense classes although, come to think of it, I would be heavily out of pocket!

I would not dare to report a street lamp out in future because I am not a qualified electrician. It sure makes you think.

Keith Tancock, Barry

PLASTIC BAGS CHARGE WELCOME

THANK you to the Welsh Government for putting our environment first by introducing a 5p charge for plastic single use bags.

It was also good to see this policy received support from all the political parties. I have no doubt that in time the other nations of the United Kingdom will follow our lead.

Last year, more than 350 million plastic bags were given out to Welsh shoppers alone!

Many of these bags end up littering our towns, parks, woodland, rivers, open countryside and even our beaches.

There are plenty of alternatives such as 'bags for life' made from cloth or the traditional shopping basket.

Rob Curtis, Co-ordinator, Friends of Barry Beaches

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We're going backwards to the Victorian era... 'VALE FOODBANK? IT'S AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE'

IHAVE just read your article about a recent foodbank set up in Barry by Coastlands Family Church in Barry.

I have to admit I never knew this existed until now. The foodbank helps to put food on the tables of people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

This is mainly due to the fact that some people now have the stark choice – to either pay bills, or starve.

This is an absolute disgrace.

Credit must be given to the people and stores who are donating food, and to the organisers of this foodbank.

During the launch, Jane Hutt our AM, thanked Coastlands for taking the initiative, and stated it's about social responsibility and all of us playing our part to support people in crisis.

That's a bit rich, when the government is responsible for generating millions of pounds of cuts.

We have now in this country a two-tier system. We have the politicians, both in Cardiff and

Westminster, and the people, who are being hammered by these same politicians' policies.

We seem to be going backwards to the Victorian era. Next we will have workhouses.

In this day and age, no-one should have to rely on hand-outs for food.

Politicians should hang their heads in shame, get out into the real world and see the damage they are doing to ordinary folk.

The whole lot of you should be ashamed of yourselves.

D J Radford, Barry.

Group is left to 'wither on the vine'

IREAD with interest the report in The GEM last week about the closing of the Red Cross 'drop in' centre in Barry and the decision by the Vale social services department to accommodate former users in Rondel House.

I am exceedingly glad that these people will be accommodated in the warm and welcoming surroundings of Rondel House.

It did concern me, however, to read Lance Carver, Vale Council's head of Adult Services comment that: "We are fortunate that the recent reconfiguration of social services day-care in the Vale has given us the means to

respond to this situation."

So, by excluding the 50 Rondel House walkers aged from 81 to 93, he has managed to make room for another group of people – probably the same age with the same needs.

They all come from the Vale. They all have disabilities and vulnerabilities, but one group is being catered for in Rondel House and the other is left to wither on the vine.

In another part of the article, it states that all the people from the Red Cross were interviewed separately to find out what their needs were.

A shame this care was not taken with the former users of Rondel House.

The first they knew about the 'reconfiguration' was a junior member of the social services department calling a

meeting in Rondel House and telling them it was to be used for people with dementia, and that they would have to go unless they were assessed and agreed to travel 'on the bus'.

The term 'assessment' caused fear then and still does. Nor could they understand that if they were assessed as vulnerable enough, they would have to travel on the bus.

No-one has success-

fully explained to me why they have to travel 'on the bus'.

If something happened to them travelling to Rondel House either by taxi or in the car of a kind friend, the council would not be liable.

If this situation was not so sad, it would be farcical.

The supreme irony is that it is presided over by the 'Champion for older people'.

Coun Margaret Alexander, Barry

'A WONDERFUL FEAST OF MUSIC'

WHAT a wonderful feast of music this second Cowbridge Music Festival is proving to be!

Mary Elliot and her committee are to be congratulated for bringing such talent, local and international, to the concert platform here in Cowbridge.

Welsh baritone Gary Griffiths and French mezzo soprano Antoinette Dennefeld would not be out of place in the Cardiff Singer of the World competition.

Looking forward to the third festival.

Michael Bradley, Cowbridge

£1,128 is raised for Marie Curie

ONCE again the Llantwit Major Marie Curie Cancer Care support group, through your popular letters page, would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the barbecue hosted by Ann and Roger Fry on Sunday, September 18.

Despite the dreadful weather, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions managed to erect gazebos, which were desperately needed and very much appreciated. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon and the lovely music cheered us all up. We made the grand total of £1,128. A very big thank you to all concerned!

Marlene and friends, Llantwit Major.

VOTE FOR AGE CONCERN!

AGE Concern's Healthy, Wealthy and Wise project has been short-listed for a NatWest Community Force Grant.

It is vital that people vote if the local charity is to win £6,000, which will help keep the project open and continue to improve the lives of older people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Voting is open until October 26. Either visit <http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/1404> or phone 0800 2100 246.

Karen Steele
(Relationship co-ordinator, Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale)

Don't go nuclear!

LAST week-end's leak at Dow Corning reminded us of the potential dangers of living in close proximity to dangerous chemicals – whatever the safety measures used.

As we saw in Japan in March, nuclear power, however well contained, remains such a danger.

Although most discussion about nuclear power in Wales centres on the construction of a new nuclear power station in Anglesey, for us in Barry and the Vale, the nearest nuclear power station is across the water from us at Hinkley Point – and, on a clear day, visible from south Wales.

The UK Government

plans to site a further new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point.

Wales would receive no benefit from a construction of a new station – there would be no economic advantage, but much of south Wales would be in the exclusion zone if an accident were to take place.

For us, there would be no benefits, just costs.

Instead of spending money on a new generation of nuclear power reactors and subsidising the nuclear industry, we should be investing heavily in research and development technology to get the best from renewable energies, such as the tidal power of the Severn Channel.

Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru

Winter of discontent?

WHILE agreeing with DJ Radford's views on Government (GEM letters recently), I would like to say this country has been going downhill since Mrs Thatcher destroyed our exports market.

Next on the sell-off list must be the NHS – that's another mess the Tories have created.

Every time they are in power, people lose their jobs. In the 1980s, 220,000 homes were repossessed.

I wonder if the Winter of Discontent will out the Tories like it did Labour in 1979?

Bill Lang, Barry

Legion wreaths

AS Mr Keith Harris of the Royal British Legion (Barry branch) has now retired as Poppy Appeal organiser for Barry and the Vale, Mr Steve Whitehorn has taken over.

Any organisation and members of the public who wish to purchase or order wreaths and crosses for future parades or ceremonies, can contact Mr Whitehorn on 01446 721054 or mobile 0771789759.

Mr D B Shankland, (Barry branch)

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
06 Thur	03.22	7.5	16.02	7.8
07 Fri	04.45	7.9	17.12	8.2
08 Sat	05.39	8.2	18.07	8.9
09 Sun	06.31	8.8	18.49	9.1
10 Mon	07.11	9.2	19.26	9.4
11 Tues	07.47	9.5	20.01	9.6
12 Wed	08.16	9.6	20.33	9.8
13 Thur	08.47	9.5	21.05	9.6

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Opposition councillors keep day care centre changes in the spotlight

THE Vale's AM and a local councillor met up with elderly people at the Master Mariner public house to see how people were coping with changes to day care provisions in the Vale.

The people who Jane Hutt and Coun Margaret Alexander met used to attend Rondel House until there was a change of policy by the Vale Council.

People were offered 'assessments' by the Vale Council to see whether they were eligible to continue attending Rondel House, but many declined an assessment.

Coun Alexander claimed: "The first they knew about the 'reconfiguration' was a junior member of the social services department calling a meeting in Rondel House and telling them it was to be used for people with dementia, and that they would have to go unless they were assessed and agreed to travel 'on the bus'."

"The term 'assessment' caused fear then and still does. Nor could they understand that if they were assessed as vulnerable enough, they would have to travel on the bus."

Some of the former attendees of Rondel House now meet twice a week at the Master Mariner pub thanks to



ABOVE: Jane Hutt, the Vale's Assembly Member, and Coun Margaret Alexander meeting some of the people who used to attend Rondel House – they now meet at the Master Mariner public house in Gibbonsdown.

the support of Mr Harris who provides the facilities for them. They get fish and chips from a nearby shop.

Jane Hutt and Councillor Alexander say they have raised concerns about the consultation process that took place over Rondel House with the Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales, Ruth Marks.

Jane Hutt said: "The loss of services at Rondel House for this group of active elderly people is a blow."

"Many are in their 80s and 90s and found Rondel House a major benefit in their lives, enhancing their health and well-being and preventing isolation."

"They have found a new place to meet with the kind support of the landlord of the Master Mariner but there is a clear need for the council

to consider future options for this group as colder weather sets in.

"We were not aware of any follow-up support or enquiries to those who have had to leave Rondel House. I hope this will be addressed by the council as a matter of priority."

Last Wednesday, September 29, Vale councillors voted by 23 votes to 16 against a proposal to return Gardenhurst Day Centre in Penarth and Rondel House in Barry to their former usage.

Prior to the meeting, people demonstrated against the changes that have taken place in Penarth and Barry.

Sue Phillips, a family carer from Penarth, said there was a human cost to the changes that were taking place with some elderly people missing the social contact and losing hope.

She told The GEM: "The people who demonstrated before the meeting, and many more who attended it sitting in the public gallery, are not rebellious hoodies."

"They include many proud pensioners and their family carers. To the 23 councillors who voted against the hopes of so many elderly people in the county I say – shame on you."

MODERNISATION A Vale Council spokeswoman told The

GEM: "Proposals for modernising day services in the Vale are going ahead. A motion discussed at the full council meeting on September 28 which suggested that the Rondel House and Gardenhurst buildings return to their former use, was not upheld."

The spokeswoman explained: "The modernisation proposals ensure that those who really need a day service will still be able to access that support."

"The occupancy levels for users who had been assessed as needing this service were low and to ensure that the council makes best use of its resources, it was agreed that the two older people's day services would combine."

"In order to make these changes, all service users who had not been previously assessed were advised of the process for accessing a social services assessment."

"In addition, the council is continuing to work with the third sector (voluntary) to develop services for people who do not want to access those provided by social services but do require some support."

She continued: "This modernisation delivers three refurbished sites that are suitable for providing support to people with complex needs."

"All service users who have been assessed as needing a service will continue to get one and the costs to the council have been reduced."

"No changes have been made to Meals on Wheels provision or the meal arrangements for

the Penarth Live at Home service."

Coun Dorothy Turner, cabinet member for social and care services at the council, said: "Adult services is doing everything it can to protect frontline services in an extremely difficult financial context."

"It has already managed to save money by cutting its senior management costs through joint appointments, such as those advertised recently."

"It is also working closely with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to reduce any duplication between health and social care services."

Coun Turner emphasised: "Any change can be difficult but these changes need to be made to our existing services in order to try and protect services for the most vulnerable in our society."

"We are aware of the impact that these changes have had on individuals and I can confirm that the service is looking at the alternatives for those individuals as a priority," she added.

(See letters, page 2)



Just another October morning on... Barry Island!



AN enjoyably, and unusually, warm early October saw beaches full of people making the most of the 'Indian summer', and this was especially true of Barry Island, as Andy Wicks' pictures show.

LEFT: The seafront cafes were the perfect place to cool down from the unusually warm weather!

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale:

Tuesday, September 27: First, Denis Mottram and Mike Close, 63.02 per cent; Second, Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick, 61.98; Third, Kay Dyer and Mark Roderick, 53.65.

Dave and Tom won the Nancy Malpas Trophy. New members are always welcome at Barrivale, for more information call 01446 733425.

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Lost tablets alert

POLICE in Barry are warning the public about a number of tablets which were lost in the Knap area, sometime on Monday, October 3.

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used in the treatment of alcoholism. The tablets could be extremely harmful if taken without a prescription.

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- Fancy Dress Competition
- Apple Bobbing

Event cancelled

DUE to a lack of interest, it has been necessary for the 70s/80s night organised by Rhws Primary School, to be cancelled.

The event was due to be held at the Rhose Social Club this Saturday, October 8, but as only a few tickets have been bought the Rhws School Association has regretfully made the decision to cancel this event.

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A happy retirement beckons for Alan, the Vale's family butcher

THEY say that the secret of a happy life is to do a job that you enjoy – rather than one that just pays the mortgage.

It is a philosophy that Llantwit Major butcher Alan Young has followed and even now, at the age of 71, he is still passionate about his subject.

However, everyone has to call it a day sometime, and last Saturday marked Alan's retirement from Young's butchers in Llantwit – a mere 58 years after he started helping the master butcher – David Thomas Griffiths, who was running the shop back in 1953.

That helping out led to an apprenticeship, and Alan qualifying himself as a master butcher, and then on to a partnership – hence the vintage bicycle outside the shop, which is signwritten as 'Griffiths and Young'.

Eventually, Mr Griffiths retired and the business passed to Alan Young.

The GEM called around last Friday, when two of Alan's regular customers, Sally and Mark Carnall, were dropping in a retirement card, and a bottle of wine, as a token of their appreciation.

by PHILIP IRWIN

Sally said: "Alan has been great, and he has risen to every challenge we set him - he never let us down."

Alan's grandson, Jacob, was there, having just finished his weekly task of making the fagots, and Alan was particularly pleased, because just two weeks ago, it looked as if the shop would close when he retired.

He said: "This has been a butcher's shop for more than 100 years – and it was purpose-built as one. We have never had to change the layout, or anything at all."

"In fact, a number of customers used to warn me that if I ever did change anything, that would be the last I saw of them!"

Alan is keen to stress that age is the only factor in his retirement. Changing shopping patterns, and the growth of supermarkets, have affected many traditional businesses, but trade in Llantwit Major remains as strong as ever.

In fact, he thinks that the plethora of 'foodie' programmes on TV have led to customers returning to a traditional butcher who can supply the



Alan Young with grandson Jacob.

cuts of meat favoured in many recipes.

Nevertheless, it did look as if the shop would close when Alan retired, but in the nick of time another master butcher, Eric Smith, has come forward to take it over.

The shop is closed this week, as both Alan and Eric will be on holiday, and then it will reopen. Alan intends to be around for much of that week, to introduce Eric to his customers.

Alan said: "Eric grew up on a farm in North Yorkshire, and qualified as a butcher before joining the RAF. He knows Llantwit from being posted at St Alan's."

In recent years, Alan has made a point of selling meat (and fresh vegetables) supplied by a local farmer, Rhodri Davies, and Alan is delighted that Eric will be continuing that arrangement.

This fits in with Alan's belief that shops such as his do play a major part in community life.

He said: "A lot of people still want to feel that they are part of a community – and that community still cares about its shops."

"There is a growing movement to get back to the old ways of buying food, and our tie-in with a local farmer is part of that."

So, after 58 years, Alan must surely have seen some changes? He said: "I can remember when chicken was a once-a-year meat – usually on Christmas Day. This was because so many families kept hens – and those hens would be laying eggs all year round."

"It was only when they hatched a batch of chicks that they would put the cockerel aside and fatten him up for Christmas!"

Alan's enthusiasm for his subject is infectious, and he can talk in huge detail, for instance, about the demise of dripping, as prepared by thrifty housewives who were, so it now seems, at the forefront of recycling when they put all the fat from

Alan, is little more than boiled fat!

So, Alan is looking forward to enjoying his retirement in the Vale – a place he really cares about. He is, after all, born and bred in Llantwit Major.

His wife Julie, who grew up in Pembrokeshire, came to live in Llantwit, and they brought up three sons, Jason, Leigh and Mathew.

All three grew up helping out in the shop, and have supported Alan 100 per cent, although they have jobs outside the trade.

Alan's grandson, Jacob, has helped out two days a week, and another grandson, Joshua, helped out one day a week.

It has always been a family affair, and Alan finished by saying: "I really have to thank Julie for all her help over the years."

"She has been a great mother, and grandmother, and a huge support to me."



Olly's leaving party.

Olly off to make his mark in the Army

STAFF Sergeant Olly Wood got an "army barmy" send off from his fellow cadets on his last night in Barry Detachment.

Olly (17) is heading off to join the Royal Welsh as an infantryman, and was cheered and thanked for his hard work and dedication in making Barry Army Cadet Force Detachment a thriving hub of activity for young people aged 12-18 in the Vale.

He has represented his county and Wales at rugby, and has competed among the top one per cent of shooters

in the UK at Bisley.

He has also represented Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF in the Cadet Cambrian Patrol, Wales's premier cadet skills competition.

Olly described the fun he has had in the Army Cadets as "the best experience in his life".

Staff Sergeant Instructor Steve Wood, who is also Olly's father, is understandably proud of his son and departing senior cadet.

He said: "The ACF has lost an outstanding cadet and the British Army has gained a fine young soldier."



Pictured are teachers and pupils from All Saints Church Of Wales School, Colcot Primary School, Gladstone Primary School, Barry Island Primary School and Nick Jackson, Tesco store manager, Claudia Manley-Lamb, Tesco HR manager and Alun Cairns MP.

Tesco serve up gifts to four local schools

FOUR primary schools have been presented with equipment and gifts from their local Tesco store in Barry.

Vale MP Alun Cairns handed over the gifts to staff and children from Barry Island Primary, All Saints

Church of Wales, Colcot, and Gladstone Road Primary Schools on behalf of Tesco store manager Nick Jackson.

The schools collected thousands of Tesco vouchers, which enabled them to select IT, sports and classroom equipment with a value of almost £3,000.

Dow Corning alarm

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The MP continued: "I've heard from several residents who are concerned that they weren't fully aware of standard safety procedures when such an incident occurs at the site in Barry."

"Thankfully this leak wasn't a serious matter, but in the future it could be."

"I will be raising communication issues with senior staff at the plant as I'm keen to make sure that the local community is regularly informed of standard emergency procedures at the site."

"Residents can find out more about Dow Corning by attending the plant's interactive 'Open House' events which take place periodically throughout the year."

"These events are a way that residents can not only take a look around the site but more importantly, it provides a chance to ask any questions directly to the sen-

ior managers."

Mr Cairns pointed out that Dow Corning provides an information pack online of 'what to do in a major emergency' and concerned residents can contact the company's helpline on 0800 783 0187.

The Plaid Cymru spokesman for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, contacted The GEM and commented: "Last weekend's leak at Dow Corning reminded us of the potential dangers of living in close proximity to dangerous chemicals – whatever the safety measures used."

Dr Johnson's letter is on page 2.

PACT meetings

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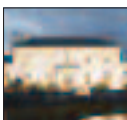
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• Buttrills PACT: 6.30pm, Monday, October 24, in the Philip John Community Room, Barry Library.
• Court PACT: 7.30pm, Thursday, October 20, at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster

Street, Barry.
• Cornerswell PACT: Penarth Leisure Centre, Thursday, October 13, 7pm.
• St Augustine's PACT: The Windsor public house, Thursday, October 20, 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, or if you would like to receive a copy of the neighbourhood newsletter, contact Barry Neighbourhood Policing team on 01446 731623 or log onto www.ourbobby.com.



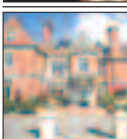
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Pride in Barry keeps up the pressure for introduction of local enterprise zone area

PRIDE IN BARRY says the Welsh Government must give the town 'enterprise zone' status in its next round of announcements – and claims its initial choice of zones were the result of 'a knee-jerk reaction'.

The idea of enterprise zones is to cut red tape and give tax breaks to stimulate local economic activity, but after months of campaigning, the organisation received the shattering news that Barry had missed out –

the only crumb of comfort for the Vale being that St Athan had won 'zone' status.

Welsh enterprise zones have so far been announced in St Athan, Cardiff, Ynys Mon, Deeside and Ebbw Vale.

Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride In Barry, told The GEM: "We were very disappointed that, having made a strong case and representations to several Assembly Members for an enterprise zone to cover Barry, including the airport and St Athan, the Assembly announced that only St

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

Athan would gain the enterprise zone status.

"We received a letter from Edwina Hart on September 14 acknowledging our strong representations which also stated that an announcement would be made in the autumn.

"Then, three working days later, an announcement was made which reinforces the impression that the decision was a knee-jerk reaction to the reported Landrover-Jaguar decision not to choose south Wales as a location and prefer to locate to a Midlands enterprise zone."

Mr Haley said Pride in Barry had put forward a strong argument.

"Our case included much evidence and support of potential opportunities from an enterprise zone.

"Our support includes major national and international companies, which are major employers and investors in Barry

and south Wales.

"We would hope that this evidence and support will be properly and duly considered.

"It seems rather odd for the Assembly to award enterprise status to just St Athan, particularly when it is the Assembly that owns St Athan and will therefore be the major benefactor.

"We cannot hide our dismay and would urge Jane Hutt, our Assembly Member and also the Business and Finance Minister for Wales, to ensure that Barry is included in the next enterprise zone announcements."

There has been growing consternation in Wales that England's introduction of more than 20 zones will give it an economic advantage over Wales. One, just across the Severn Bridge, is located in Bristol.

A Welsh Government spokeswoman told The GEM it was still considering zones in new areas: "This is the first tranche of preferred locations for

enterprise zones.

"We remain open to opportunities as they arise in other areas of Wales where we are already in discussion with local partners.

"We will also continue to deliver on our commitments to strengthen the conditions that will enable business to create jobs and sustainable economic growth across Wales."

Heating advice

NEST (Making Wales Cosy) is holding an information session at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, 10am–11.30am on Tuesday, October 11.

An advisor will be available to give advice and information on heat and energy issues.

For further information telephone 01446 732385.

Choir's annual concert

BARRY Male Voice Choir will hold its 109th annual concert in St Helen's RC Church, Court Road, Barry on October 7 at 7pm.

For newest recruits, Peter Salmon and Sion Old, it will be their first annual concert.

Sion, at 20 years of age, is the choir's youngest member.

The choir will be joined by soprano Ffion Perrett and accompanied by Emma Arscott.

Further details are available on the website www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk.



ABOVE: Sion Old and Peter Salmon pictured with musical director Dorothy Connell at a recent concert in the Millennium Centre.

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BUT IS 'COMMITTED TO COLLABORATION'

Vale Council rejects plan to merge with Cardiff

THE neighbouring borough councils of the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend are coming under pressure from the Welsh Government, which is talking of replacing the existing 22 Welsh borough councils with just six.

Under a suggestion put forward by the local government minister, Carl Sargeant, the Vale Council would merge with Cardiff City Council, while Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) would join up with Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

The model is based on the recent reorganisation of the NHS in Wales, where 22 Local Health Boards (LHBs) were replaced by six NHS Trusts.

It has been suggested Mr Sargeant's plan is aimed at forcing councils to do more collaborative working – something that could lead to shared services and a cut in the number of staff employed.

Politically speaking, the BCBC merger would make little difference, as all three authorities are Labour.

However, the political mix that would result from the Vale and Cardiff joining would be much harder to call.

At the moment, Cardiff is controlled by the Lib-Dems, with Rodney Berman as leader. However, the Vale would bring no Lib-Dem votes to the party, as there has not been a Lib-Dem councillor elected to the Vale Council for years.

The enlarged council could become a two-way fight between Labour and the Conservatives, unless the Lib-Dems can

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

rally support in the Vale.

The Vale Council leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, disagrees with the suggestion, saying: "The issue causing me some concern is not the principle of the collaboration, to which we are fully committed, but the intention towards using NHS boundaries as a 'default' structure for collaboration.

"This can work well for some councils and for some services but it is not in my opinion an appropriate model to achieve the progress needed in many areas.

"The boundaries for health have changed regularly over the past decade or so and cannot yet be said to have achieved a resilience for effective service delivery such that it provides a geographical exemplar for other services."

He said that the council had made good progress working with other councils, and he said that he was worried that the proposed structure would "limit the council's choice to work with the partners that best fit its joint service delivery".

Councils have started a number of collaborative projects, but on a rather piecemeal basis.

The Vale Council, for instance, is collaborating with Swansea Council on implementing and developing the 'Oracle eBusiness' suite of applications, in which both councils have made significant investment.

A council report said that, although the investment has "delivered significant business benefits" to both authorities, continuing to support, maintain and develop the suite comes at "a significant cost".

The two councils believe that there are better prospects of benefits to be gained in collaborating over the medium term, with a view to a joint approach to current updates and the joint procurement of a totally new replacement Oracle system, likely around 2016/17.

They have agreed to share development plans and to identify those areas where collaboration can be explored in a shorter timescale.

The Vale Council is also a member of the Central South Education Consortium, in partnership with Caerphilly,

Bridgend, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff.

A report to the cabinet said that the collaboration was developed in response to an explicit challenge from the Welsh Government to establish effective and resilient arrangements.

On April 13, the Vale Council cabinet agreed to work on a "Joint School Improvement Service", subject to agreement on a final business case. Cabinets in Rhondda Cynon Taff, Caerphilly, Merthyr and Bridgend agreed the same approach at that time.

Discussions are continuing, but as of August 26, the position has been complicated by a request from Caerphilly to leave Central South [and to seek to join the South East Wales Consortium].

The potential for Cardiff to join Central South is an option which is being explored by the chief executives and directors of Central South.

The stance taken to date by the Vale's chief executive and director is that there are no objections in principle to Cardiff replacing

However, the Vale Council continues to argue against working exclusively with Cardiff on this project.

Autism pioneer in line for top award



Darren Jackson.

THE inspirational head of a pioneering residential college of further education has been shortlisted for a top award.

Beechwood College, in Sully, which caters for young people with an autistic spectrum condition, is the first and only college of its kind in Wales.

The principal, Darren Jackson, began his career as an art and design teacher, before entering the world of special needs education.

Mr Jackson (36) from Tonteg, is a finalist at the prestigious Wales Care Awards.

He has been nominated for the Peter Clarke award for promoting excellence in services for children and young people, sponsored by City & Guilds.

Vale Mayor honours Edinburgh award students



THE Vale Mayor, Coun John Clifford, recently hosted a reception to congratulate five young people on achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards.

There are five elements to gaining the gold award – volunteering, skill, physical, expedition and residential. The participants will attend St James's Palace, London, to be presented with their award.

The Mayor told his guests: "It is a

magnificent achievement to gain this award. It takes long-term commitment and will stand you in good stead for your future careers. Congratulations and well done."

In the photograph with the Mayor are: Manon Stokes, Peter Woolley, Jonathan King, Barclay Nickels, Jerome Bryan, Coun Anthony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning and Dave Golding, DOE award officer for the Vale of Glamorgan.

IT certificates

THIRTY-FIVE learners in the Vale have attained the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) certificate, giving them vital IT skills and improving their career prospects.

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Council to test electricals

THE Vale Council is offering residents free safety tests on electric blankets, portable heaters and Christmas lights.

The council's trading standards department is holding 'Winter Warmer' events where residents can bring their electric blankets to see if they are in full working order. They can also bring along electric heaters and Christmas lights to make sure they are operating safely.

The 'Winter Warmers' programme is scheduled as follows: Monday, October 17 – Glamorgan Room, Memorial Hall, Barry; Tuesday, October 18 – Glamorgan Room, Memorial Hall, Barry; Wednesday, October 19 – Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road; Tuesday, October 25 – Leisure Centre, Cowbridge; Wednesday, October 26 – Old School Hall, Wine Street, Llantwit Major; Thursday, October 27 – Old School, South Road, Sully.

The council is also offering to collect items for testing from residents who are unable to travel to the venues.

MP tackles hot topic

A LOCAL MP has paired up with an energy firm to help constituents save energy and money.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, will be hosting an energy efficiency advice surgery on Friday, October 28, at West Quay Medical Centre, Barry, from 4pm to 5.30pm.

Mr Cairns will be joined by experts from British Gas to give advice about how people can save energy in their homes, as well as details of programmes that

British Gas runs to help people in fuel poverty.

Alun Cairns said: "How to save energy and ensuring people can properly heat and insulate their homes is an issue that is regularly raised with me at my constituency surgeries."

"Sometimes people are unaware of the help that is available so I'm pleased to be able to hold this advice surgery."

Lynda Campbell, general manager of the British Gas contact centre in Cardiff, said: "We help thousands of customers every day in our

contact centre in Cardiff and I am delighted that we have the opportunity to use this expertise to help a local community."

For more information or to make an appointment, call 01446 403814.

U3A group meets

THE recent meeting of the Cowbridge U3A was held at the Ramoth Free Church, and the next will be at the Cowbridge Rugby Club on October 12.

The talk was on the Aust ferry, and anyone of a certain age will remember the debate of waiting two hours or driving 60 miles around!

Tim Ryan gave an informative talk, and is now restoring the last of the three ferries – good luck Tim!

The subject of the next meeting will be the Tommy Cooper Society by Chris Bleach – just like that!

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PACT meetings

THE following PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings are taking place in the Vale area over the next few weeks.

- Pendoylan Community Council meeting: Thursday, October 13, Pendoylan School, 7.45pm.
 - Cowbridge PACT: Monday, October 17, the Fire Station, Druids Green, 7pm
 - Llandow PACT: Wednesday, October 19, Ewenny Village Hall, 7pm.
 - Bonvilston Coffee and Chat meeting: the Red Lion public house, Tuesday, October 18, 11am.
- If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on Llantwit Major 01656 869447 or Cowbridge 01656 869450 or log on to www.ourbobby.com.

HOMELESSNESS INCREASE LEADS COUNCIL TO LEASE MORE PROPERTIES

A VALE Council scheme where properties were leased to provide accommodation for the homeless is to be extended.

Councillors regard the scheme as a success because, apart from putting a roof over the head of a homeless family, it has also avoided the expense of putting people into bed and breakfast accommodation.

In a recent report to the cabinet of the Vale Council, members were updated on the "progress and success" of the Homelessness Leasing Scheme, and were told that it was intended to increase the total of leased properties from 10 to 30.

The operational manager reported that the 10 Hafod Housing Association properties in the scheme were mainly single-person

accommodation, and that these had been filled continuously.

Council officers said that there was a likely increase in homelessness among single people as a consequence of forthcoming welfare reforms. It was also suggested that, if the demand grows, further properties may be leased, because the 10-property pilot scheme has saved money, compared to using bed and breakfasts.

The report said that the average number of days that all homeless households spent in temporary accommodation, other than bed and breakfast, was 110.

EMPTY HOMES PLAN

The Vale Council is also planning to be more aggressive with landlords who leave properties empty and falling into disrepair.

The number of empty homes in private ownership in the Vale has stayed broadly constant over the last five years, varying between 697 and 816.

The council also keeps records of occasions when it has been able to take action and get that home back on the market and lived in.

However, in five years, only 29 houses have been returned to the property pool. In fact, as the year 2008/09 was a good one, with 15 reclaimed, it means that only 14 were reclaimed over the other four.

A report to the cabinet of the Vale Council said: "Empty homes represent a wasted resource and a lost opportunity. The Vale has a significant need for additional market housing (i.e. properties at market value or for rent at market-level rents) and affordable housing; the council's

Local Housing Market Assessment Update 2010 calculates a need for an additional 915 affordable homes each year over the next five years, and there are 1,022 empty homes across the county that could be brought back into use.

"Empty homes pose problems for the council, the owner, neighbours, the emergency services and the environment. They are often a blemish on an area and can be subject to vandalism and unsightly graffiti.

"The council receives service requests and complaints about these properties and has to deal with pests, dilapidation, damage to neighbouring properties and hazards to the public."

The council has now put together an Empty Homes Strategy which will monitor empty homes, provide advice, assistance, and guidance to landlords and property owners; reduce the negative effect of empty homes on our communities; reduce the number of empty homes, return empty homes to use and promote the Empty Homes Initiative.

The strategy will not cover short-term empty properties, such as: transitional vacancies, due to the property being advertised for sale or rent, properties undergoing renovation prior to sale or rent, infrequently used properties such as holiday or second homes or student accommodation.

The Vale Council has agreed an 'outcome agreement' with the Welsh Government. It means that by 2012/13 two per cent of such homes should be made available each year. At the present level, that indicates the target is around 15 each year.

The strategy proposes a range of services to assist landlords and property owners bring empty properties back into use, including: advice and assistance, the services of a social

lettings agent, Landlord Accreditation Wales, property guardian schemes, financial assistance and incentives.

The council officers say that it has extensive legislative powers to intervene where they consider a property is unsafe or in an unacceptable condition. These powers include: enforcement activity, for example serving Improvement Notices on owners; Demolition Orders; Management Orders; slum clearance; Compulsory Purchase Orders and Empty Dwelling Management Orders.

Enforcement in relation to empty properties falls within the service objectives of the Public Protection Service. Empty homes are primarily dealt with by the council's Environmental Health (Housing) Enforcement Team in partnership with the Housing Department.

WORSHIP AND SONG OUT OF AFRICA... and into the Vale!



The Women's Christian Fellowship Choir of the United Church in Zambia performing songs of worship

A CHOIR from Africa is in the local area to perform a series of concerts with worship.

On Sunday 2 October, the Women's Christian Fellowship Choir of the United Church in Zambia, from the city of Lusaka, performed their first concert *Africa Praise* in Wales, at the Gathering Place Methodist Church and Community Centre in St Athan.

The choir is in Wales, based in the Vale, for just over two weeks. They are also touring and performing in north Wales during their stay.

The members sang

some wonderful songs with passion and energy. Nearly 100 people attended, some from local Methodist churches and from the local community of Saint Athan.

The Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit has a strong link with Zambia inspired by a minister in Penarth, Rev Teddy Kalongo who is from the country.

The choir also performed at Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth, yesterday (Wednesday, October 5).

And their final *Africa Praise* event will take place at Crossway Methodist Church in Barry, next Thursday, October 13, at 7.30pm.

For more information, log on to the local Methodist website www.valeofglamorgan-circuit.org or contact Rev Pete Taylor on Barry 406262.

Afterglow to play

LIVE music from We Are The Afterglow is on offer at Gordon Bennett! in Barry on Thursday, October 6, from 8.30pm.

For more information contact Dave on 07834 298941 or e-mail djlittle@talktalk.net.

Firefighter's marathon cycle ride for charity

FIREFIGHTER Mark Potter of Barry Fire Station, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, and a friend, will be undertaking an impressive charity bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

The journey will be totally unsupported and Mark is hoping to complete the trip in around 12 days.

Mark said: "We aim to raise dona-

tions for the charities also being supported by our fellow firefighters John Haskell and Jamie Windsor, who undertook the 'Atlantic Dash' challenge. The charities are Help for Heroes, Breast Cancer Care, WRVS and The Firefighters Charity."

For information on how you can support Mark, please go to: www.facebook.com/SWFireandRescue; <http://twitter.com/#!/swfireandrescue>; or Twitter - @pottersbikedash.



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Vale Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, Women Running Penarth chair designate Erika Fitzgibbon and Vale Council sports and play development manager Karen Davies mark the award of a Community Chest grant which is helping local women to enjoy getting fit by running

Women of Penarth given a run for their money!

A CLUB for athletic women in Penarth has really hit the ground running after winning of a Community Chest sports grant.

The streets and parks of the town have been swamped with runners of all ages and abilities since the women-only running club 'Women Running Penarth' was officially launched this summer.

In only four months, the numbers of women attending training sessions have more than doubled, and there are now more than 90

women running in 11 groups during the week.

To help the club grow further, a £500 grant has been awarded by the Community Chest scheme so that more running leaders can be trained. This will help the club offer a variety of sessions that appeal to all.

Run locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, and agreed by a panel of volunteers with support from Sport Wales, the Community Chest scheme offers sports clubs and organisations in the Vale grants of up to £1,500 to help

people of all ages to become more active.

The aims of the scheme fit in perfectly with the ethos of Women Running Penarth, which is all about supporting women to enjoy running in a safe environment, regardless of age or ability.

While some club members are experienced runners who compete, there are many others who are either novices or beginners.

Although a running club for women had been operating in and around Penarth for a few years, the original club was part of the UK-wide

Running Network, which went into administration in March, leaving clubs all over the country without affiliation and, more importantly, without insurance.

Undeterred, a group of local women set up a new club so that women in Penarth could keep on running and, after a great deal of hard work, got the club affiliated to Welsh Athletics.

Erika Fitzgibbon, the club's chair designate, said: "When Women Running Penarth was first established, we had no idea that it would prove so popular. We are now a large club with members who, in addition to running, are also raising money for charity."

"None of this would be possible without the support of our two sponsors, Crandon and Friends, and Sabin's IT Solutions."

The £500 cheque was handed over by Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure and tourism, and Karen Davies, the council's sports and play develop-

ment manager, who also sits on the Community Chest panel.

Coun Ernest said: "I am really pleased that the scheme has been able to support such a deserving club that is specifically aimed at helping women to enjoy keeping fit and achieve individual goals."

"I'm also pleased to hear that the club make full use of Penarth, running up and down the hills of the town, along the marina, and Cosmeston Lakes too."

The latest round of Community Chest grants also saw Rhosce FC awarded £300 to establish a new under 10s team, and the Vale Cricket Club received £1,500 to improve coaching and training standards. New gym sessions will be provided by the Hen Goleg League of Friends thanks to the £1,462.91 they were awarded, while a £1,003.79 grant will enable the Colcot Climbing Wall Club to branch out into offering badminton sessions.

To discuss a potential Community Chest grant, call Karen Davies or Julie Morgan at the council's sports and play development team on 01446 704793 or 01446 704748.

To find out more about Women Running Penarth go to www.womenrunningpenarth.org.uk or contact Erika Fitzgibbon on 07870 796322 or e-mail e.fitzgibbon@talk-talk.net.

CCTV arrests

THE CCTV operation in the Vale, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with three arrests, all in Barry, in the week ending October 2. CCTV contacted the police on 32 occasions.

On September 27, one person was arrested on Broad Street in connection with a breach of bail. On October 1, one person was arrested on Broad Street concerning possession of drugs and one person was arrested on Holton Road in connection with a theft.

SAMHAIN CELEBRATION
ART4U will be holding an event at the Knap Beach, Barry, to celebrate the ancient festival of Samhain (known as Hallowe'en) on October 30 at 4pm, and will include the setting on fire of a beach sculpture.

For more information, visit www.art4u.wales.org.uk.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Stress turns to joy for the ramblers

BECAUSE of a problem on the line, the Vale train service had been cancelled, but there were no warning signs at stations so, unfortunately, the walkers at Cogan station were left stranded, as the replacement express train did not pass their way.

A rather stressful start to the walk soon changed to enjoyment as three walkers joined Joy on a rather humid morning. Walking through Bridgend town, they reached open space at Newbridge Fields.

From the locally-known 'dipping bridge' (actually called New Inn Bridge after the old inn that once stood there), they walked by lane to enter fields leading to Ogmor Moor and crossed the River Ogmor by the white footbridge.

They stopped at the idyllic Merthyr Mawr village, and enjoyed refreshments outside St Teilo's Church, which was built in the mid 1850s. This peaceful area, according to the church registers, was the resting place of unknown sailors whose bodies were washed up on the shore. A layer of lime in another area could possibly mean that victims of cholera were buried there.

Making their way by lane, they reached the ruins of Candleston Castle and interesting ghost stories abound in an area behind the castle, which was an ancient oratory belonging to a Celtic chapel.

Many old crosses and stones were found during excavations, one being the Goblin Stone, which was believed to be haunted by an unknown ghost who would jump out on people and capture them. They were forced to embrace the stone and their hands and feet would become trapped in the ancient carvings, and they could only escape if they prayed.

Following sandy pathways through part of Merthyr Mawr Warren, the group headed down to the Ogmor

estuary. This led them onto Traeth yr Afon, the huge stretch of sand in front of the dunes that leads to Newton and Porthcawl.

After tramping across the sand, they left the beach to walk up past St John's well where, during the Middle Ages, the water was said to have healing powers. The well unusually fills when the tide is out and the level drops at high tide.

Newton was once a port and harbour, and the villagers took advantage of the many ships that ran around on Tusker Rock in the channel and Black Rocks in the bay. Smuggling was rife, and the Jolly Sailor Inn that dates back to 1818 and is still open, played a big part in this.

Following lunch, the group walked through a housing estate to re-enter the dunes and followed narrow pathways between tall ferns to enter pretty woods that led them to Candleston Farm.

A short shower, the only rain of the day, fell as they crossed fields beside Coed Cwintin and made their way past Whitney Farm and Merthyr Mawr House.

Coats were hastily discarded as the humidity rose and dashing across the busy A48, they walked the opposite bank of the river and re-crossed by footbridge to make their way back to the railway station with about 10 minutes to spare before the homeward train arrived.

On October 8, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate/hard walk at Cwm Clydach; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On October 9, meet 10am at Cogan for a six-mile walk in the Castell Coch area; contact Pam on 029 2021 9102.

On October 12, meet 9am at Cogan for a mid-week 10.5-mile moderate walk in the Usk Valley; contact William on 01446 747239.

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Vale MP has cup of coffee for Macmillan



ABOVE: Service with a smile for charity

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns attended the recent coffee morning at Barry Comprehensive School held as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Pupils and staff at Barry Comprehensive were keen to join in the fun and be a part of Macmillan's 'Biggest Coffee Morning' event – supporting the charity as they do every year.

"It's great to see that the pupils were able to have fun organising the coffee morning for their friends, fellow pupils and staff – while also raising money for people affected by cancer," he said.

NEW PROJECT HOPES TO PUT PUB AT CENTRE OF VILLAGE LIFE

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council is joining a new project that aims to keep services in rural villages by helping pubs take on extra business activities, such as a post office or even becoming a village shop.

The scheme is bound to be of interest to communities such as Wick and Ewenny, which recently lost their Post Office, or Llansannor, where the local pub, the City Inn, has been

closed for several years.

Known as 'The Pub is the Hub' the scheme was started in 2001 by HRH The Prince of Wales, who has been quoted as saying: "Rural communities, and this country's rural way of life, face unprecedented challenges.

"The country pub, which has been at the heart of village life for centuries, is disappearing in many areas. Providing services from the pub, such as a post

office or a shop, keeps an essential service in the village."

Pub is the Hub is affiliated to His Royal Highness's Rural Action Programme, and is a 'not for profit' advisory organisation.

A spokesman for the organisation said: "It encourages local authorities, local communities, licensees, pub owners and breweries to work together to support, retain and locate services within rural pubs.

"Pub is the Hub assists with guidance on availability of project funding, and having a thorough understanding of the pub business, is able to advise on the best way to progress each individual project.

"Pub is The Hub has advised more than 30 communities who have considered taking over their pub, and we are currently advising a number of groups who are buying, leasing or starting to run their vil-

lage pub and ensure it stays as a community focal point.

"Through Pub is the Hub, we currently have six different types of 'community operation' models and we find that communities need a great deal of help with the complexities of running a pub, in addition to deciding which model to adopt, and in raising the finance."

The Vale Council is planning to join seven other local authorities, in the main in north and mid Wales, with Bridgend County Borough Council as the only other southern authority involved.

The project is being led by Cadwyn Clwyd, the rural development agency for Denbighshire and Flintshire.

The total project value for the Vale of Glamorgan element is £34,873, and the Vale Council only has to provide match funding of £3,224, from an existing rural regeneration revenue budget.

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LIONS' SERVICE

BARRY and Penarth Lions Club is hosting the annual District 105W Lions Clubs' Thanksgiving Service this weekend.

The service is to be held on Sunday, October 9, at 3pm at Cadoxton Methodist Church.

This important event in the Lions' year is held in different churches each year, and last year was held at Brecon Cathedral.

District 105W stretches from Fishguard to Swindon and from Brecon down to Bath, and clubs often bring local dignitaries with them. The Mayors of Barry and Penarth will be among those attending, along with Jane Hutt AM.

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Mae pawb wedi clywed am yr 'Eisteddfod' ond beth yn union a wyddom am Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru a beth fedrwn ddisgwyl pan fydd yr Wyl yn ymweld â'r ardal flyddyn nesaf.

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ddwy flynedd cyn yr Eisteddfod, a'r gobaith yw bod y gymuned leol yn dewis parhau i drefnu gweithgareddau sy'n hybu a hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg a diwylliant yn y dyfodol. Mae byddin o wirfoddolwyr lleol yn y Fro wedi bod yn gweithio ers dros flyddyn yn barod yn trefnu nifer o ddigwyddiadau ar hyd y dalgylch i godi ymwybyddiaeth ac arian ar gyfer yr Wyl.

Mi fydd safle hen Faes Awyr Llandw yn cael ei drawsnewid yn ystod mis cyntaf Awst y flyddyn nesaf yn bair celfyddydol gyda'r maes ei hun yn cymryd safle 35 erw a'r meysydd parcio a'r meysydd carafanau a gwersylla swyddogol wedi eu lleoli cyfagos.

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Ychwanegwch is - bafiliwnau llenyddiaeth, gwyddoniaeth, dawn, theatr, llwyfannau perfformio, arddangosfa celfyddydau gwleddol a dros 300 o stondinau amrywiol. Mae'r Eisteddfod yn gymysgedd ecleciog o ddiwylliant, cerddoriaeth, celfyddyd a phob math o weithgareddau ar gyfer pobl o bob oed, mae rhywbeth at ddant pawb ar y Maes yn ystod wythnos gyntaf mis Awst bob flyddyn. Cewch wybod mwy yn ystod y misoedd nesaf a welwn ni chi yno ymhen deg mis!

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The National Eisteddfod of Wales is one of the great festivals of the world, attracting over 150,000 visitors every year. The Eisteddfod is a travelling festival which belongs to the people of Wales - wherever they live - and this is an integral part of its appeal. The festival vis-

its north and south Wales alternately, and hosting the National Eisteddfod is a great boost for any area.

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The Eisteddfod is the home of literature, music, dance, recitation, theatre, visual arts, science and technology, and all types of culture in Wales, and although the festival only lasts for a week, the preparatory work and the buzz surrounding the event and all its activities lasts for more than two years before the Eisteddfod. Volunteers in the Vale of Glamorgan have been hard at work for over a year organising events the length and breadth of the county to raise funds and awareness. The site of the

Llandow Airfield will be transformed into a cultural mecca during the first week of August next year with the main festival site itself or 'Maes' itself taking over a 35 acre site and with car parking, and the official caravan a camping site situated nearby.

The main focal point of the Eisteddfod site or 'Maes' as it is known will be the 2,000 seater pavilion.

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New principal welcomed

VALE AM Jane Hutt has warmly welcomed Mike James, the new principal of Cardiff and Vale College, at the Barry campus on Colcot Road.

Ms Hutt said: "Mike James has extensive experience in industry and further education across the UK, and I am delighted that he has returned to Wales to lead the new Cardiff and Vale College."

"We had excellent discussions about the needs and prospects of the college in Barry and the Vale. He is a key figure in our ambitions for our students in Barry and will ensure that the college equips them for jobs, training and further educational opportunities."

Right: Jane Hutt AM with new principal Mike James



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SCHEDULE

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Friars Road, Barry Island) (No.32) Order 1998

The County Council of South Glamorgan (Barry Island) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1996.

The County Council of South Glamorgan (Barry Island) (Consolidation) Order 1985

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Friars Road (Part) Barry Island Consolidation and Amendment Order 2009.

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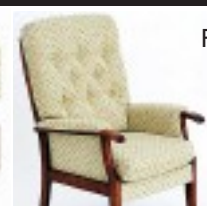
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Thompson Street letter sparks reader's reminiscences

MEMORIES OF BANKING
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

YOUR correspondent Christopher Short's letter (The GEM, September 15) referring to Thompson Street and, in particular, the fine old Lloyds Bank building which was on a commanding corner site overlooking Barry Docks and I

believe had a teak-lined interior in the banking hall, brought back some memories for me.

I joined the Lloyds Bank staff in the now-closed St Mary Street, Cardiff, branch in November, 1943, having persuaded my parents to buy me out of school to earn some money (which turned out to be £1.10.6d. pw for usually a 48-hour week that

included a large share of manual duties with no study leave!).

I was keen to play a small part in the war effort, especially as my mother who worked for the Red Cross Office in Cardiff had missed almost certain death when an incendiary bomb landed in her bed just seconds after she rose to proceed to the Anderson shelter in an air raid in January 1941. Fortunately, my father

and I managed to heave the burning bed out of the house.

Following my National Service (serving in the Royal Signals in the Egyptian Canal Zone, Kenya, Somalia and what is now Ethiopia) on the very day I returned home on demobilisation, a letter arrived from the bank asking my father when I would be returning home.

I duly reported to my

old branch and was told that to take a vacancy I must start work the following week. As my previous employment was on the temporary wartime staff, I was relieved to be offered a job which hopefully would lead to a permanent position. My 77 days leave at least brought me in more cash than my bank pay!

In the early 1950s, I was instructed to proceed to Barry Docks branch on relief duties and travelled by train to Barry Docks station with my friend and colleague the late Paddy Prosser, who was then on the staff at that branch.

The chief clerk informed me that I would be acting as cashier at the Barry sub branch, which I seem to recall was then half a shop adjoining Norman Alexander's practice in Broad Street.

This involved collecting some cash from the main branch and carrying this in a case duly chained to me, walking down Thompson Street and with my guard and clerk John Dickinson, wait for a Western Welsh bus in Holton Road to take us to Broad Street.

I was assured that I needed only a minimum amount of cash as the business in Barry was almost entirely shops and businesses paying money in, with very few withdrawals.

All went well until the Thursday of my first week and as the bus arrived in Broad Street I noticed quite a crowd of people waiting outside the bank. I asked John what was the reason for this and he told me it was 'Teachers' Pay Day'. I knew there was no way my cash reserve would be likely to meet the requirements of the teachers.

My clerk was unable to round up enough cash from the adjoining shop customers even though I gave priority to anyone paying in cash. As no telephone was provided, I despatched John to the nearby National Provincial Bank to ask them to telephone 0the parent branch requesting an urgent supply of extra cash.

Meanwhile, I managed to meet the early demands by paying out 'unfit' £1 and 10/- notes that were set aside for pulping. The teachers seemed quite happy to accept these rather filthy specimens rather than call back later. The episode went down as one of my most embarrassing moments!

In 1968, I was appointed manager of Barry Docks branch, by now housed in modern though initially inadequate accommodation for a rapidly expanding

business. This problem was later solved by taking over the upper floor when this became available.

On moving from Thompson Street, the branch was firstly situated in 120, Holton Road, (which later became The Trustee Savings Bank) and around 1966/67 to the present building at 140b, Holton Road.

It is interesting to note that there were just four managers of the branch during the period from the late 1930s up until the date of my retirement in 1986.

The first of these was Mr HH Howell, a founder member and first president of the Rotary Club of Barry who, I'm told, when the bank sent a comptometer to the branch, promptly returned it on the grounds that his staff would lose their arithmetical ability.

Barry Docks branch was a pen-posted branch (hand-written ledgers and statements) until, I believe, the mid 1950s.

In the days of the Thompson Street office, the manager and his family lived in the floor above the banking hall and offices and I recall Mr Howell's wife Marie, who was still a customer of the branch during and after my retirement, was a lady of dignity and great character.

During the war years, she carried out helpful charitable work for the youngsters of the area and I understand was instrumental in establishing a social club to provide a safe meeting place for them.

She also involved herself in support for the many seamen of all races that lived in this colourful district. Mrs Howell enjoyed walking along Thompson Street as all the residents knew and respected her.

It was a sad time for her when she had to move away on 'HH's' retirement, even though she moved to live in a fine house in Llanishen, Cardiff.

W Haydn Burgess, Barry

Carer in
line for a
top award

ABOVE: Lisa caddies for her client.

JUST-MARRIED health care support worker Lisa Beckmann has Open University exams, plus the gala final of the care profession's most prestigious awards night to cope with this month.

German-born Lisa (28), who became Mrs James Taylor in July and has just returned from her honeymoon, has her Open University exams in health and social care at the beginning of the month, and is a nominated finalist at the Wales Care Awards later in the month.

The Wales Care Awards reward the best in the caring professions, and October 21 at Cardiff City Hall it is the care profession's 'Oscars' night.

Lisa, of Cae Glas, Pencoed, Bridgend, a care sector worker for seven years, was nominated in the supported living care practitioner category by her manager at April Complete Care Solutions, Wendy Duckworth.

It recognises some of the outstanding work Lisa has done in caring for young people with severe disabilities.

"I started with April Complete Care Solutions in 2009 and I look after clients from

Penarth to Neath," said Lisa.

Parents of the children Lisa cares for were quick to add their names to her nomination, to thank her for her outstanding work.

For one young boy with severe disabilities she went the extra mile. Her manager, Wendy Duckworth, explained: "The parents had tried all ways to try and encourage this young boy to identify his needs and wants, as he was unable to talk."

"Lisa did extensive research to help this little boy and his family. The parents were delighted with the progress their son has made due to Lisa's skill and determination."

Lisa added: "When I knew I had been nominated I thought 'Oh dear! I'm not very good in front of people, I'm very shy'. It was a bit of a shock."

Mario Kreft MBE, the honorary chief executive of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone from strength to strength.

He said: "The event is now firmly established as one of the highlights in the Welsh social care calendar."

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Taylor Wimpey and Costa Coffee submit plans for Cowbridge

TWO planning applications that could shape the future of Cowbridge have been submitted.

The first, which has been submitted by Taylor Wimpey, seeks to demolish the former school building and associated buildings at the Lower School Site on Town Mill Road.

It was recently announced that negotiations had been completed, and that Taylor

Wimpey now owns the site.

A spokesperson for Taylor Wimpey South Wales commented: "A planning application has been submitted to the Vale Council for the demolition of the old school, and is presently with the authority for determination."

"No commencement of demolition will take place until planning consent is granted for the redevelopment with residential

dwelling, which is yet to be submitted."

The second application has been submitted by Costa Limited, which operates a national chain of coffee shops under the name 'Costa Coffee'.

The chain is seeking approval for modifications and alterations to the shop front, previously trading as Martins, and for "fascia and hanging signs to front elevation with external illumination".

AJ the DJ stars in BBC reality show

A BARRY DJ takes a starring role in a BBC reality show this Friday evening.

The show, 'Wales on Wheels', is being broadcast at 7.30pm on BBC One Wales and Adam John, better known locally as AJ, is shown entertaining the holidaymakers at Fontygary Caravan and Leisure Park.

AJ, aged 27, said: "There are four episodes of 'Wales on Wheels' and the one at Fontygary is the second."

"I was performing at the park over the weekend when the BBC turned up to film."

"The BBC made a bit of thing that I had cancelled the bingo for people, replacing it with me - in fact, the bingo was cancelled before I got there."

AJ is an entertainer, singer and DJ who worked at Bro Radio for two years.

He said: "I have seen the trailer for the show and I'm looking forward to watching it on Friday evening."

"The 'Wales on Wheels' theme in the episode is demonstrated by the caravan people at Fontygary."

Fresh look at Sota

TATTOO artist Matt Faulkner is back from tattoo conventions in the United States and is feeling refreshed and inspired.

Matt enthused: "Visiting the US was brilliant. The standard of work in the States is phenomenal and I met some fantastic people and

picked up new ideas and methods of working."

"While I've been away, the shop has had a major re-vamp and is looking great."

"I'm also happy to announce that a second artist has now joined SOTA - Joe Phillips is a great all round tattooist and happy to take on any style of work."



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Van stolen in house burglary



ABOVE: Have you seen this van?

DETECTIVES in the Vale are appealing following a burglary at a house in the Piccadilly area of Cowbridge.

Entry was gained to the detached premises via a front ground floor window sometime between 12 midday on Thursday, September 29 and 7.30pm on Sunday, October 2.

Stolen from the interior was a jewellery box which contained a number of watches, together with an assortment bracelets, earrings and necklaces, and from out-

side the premises a distinctive grey coloured Volkswagen Camper Van, registration number CN 59 DZA was stolen, which to date has not been recovered.

Prior to the burglary a male person was seen acting suspiciously in the area. He has been described as male white, mid 40's, pale complexion, clean shaven, and wearing a dark-coloured hooded top with the hood up, jeans, training shoes and was carrying a water bottle.

Officers are appealing to anyone with information to contact Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Police offer 'proceeds of crime' cash to local groups

DONATIONS are now on offer to local groups - from cash and property recovered from criminals.

Applications are invited from clubs, organisations or groups who help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, or who divert people away from crime.

The grants will be provided from the Police Property Act Fund, which the South Wales Police Authority is responsible for distributing.

A police spokeswoman said: "Property which comes into the possession of the police in connection with a crime, and where the owner cannot be found can be sold with the money being kept in what is known

as the Police Property Act Fund.

"The same is true for property which has been forfeited by convicted persons by order of a court, as it was used or intended for use in a crime."

The chair of the Police Authority, Coun Russell Roberts, said: "The Police Authority is dedicated to helping small clubs and organisations across South Wales to help tackle the fear of crime."

Applications must be submitted by November 4. Forms and guidance can be obtained from the website at www.southwalespoliceauthority.org.uk. Alternatively, contact the authority directly on 01656 869366 or email to police.authority@south-wales.pnn.police.uk.

Penarth Computer Club: EXPLORING WINDOWS!

PENARTH Computer Club members were exploring Windows at their last meeting.

Steve told the meeting that most new PCs come with Windows pre-installed. He said everyone will want to tinker with the settings to personalise what they are looking at. It makes sense because everybody is different.

Windows is an operating system, which controls the way your computer works. It takes charge immediately you switch on, supervising any programmes set to run on start-up.

It puts little boxes ('windows') on the screen for various purposes. You can have several windows open at the same time and jump between them, or you can enlarge a single one to fill the entire screen.

To do big jobs such as writing your memoirs; taking care of household accounts or sending e-mails you use separate application programmes ('apps').

When you fire up your PC for the first time, Windows desktop (the screen you are looking at) will be set up for you in a generic way. People like to tweak this first to give their desktop a personal 'feel', even if it's just changing the desktop wallpaper to a photo of a loved one - but there are many more changes available."

Steve then had a ramble around what is changeable. In fact it is just about everything. To save making many individual changes, he showed that you could select from an infinite number of themes available for free download. These are collections of desktop pictures (wallpaper), sound schemes, mouse cursors, etc.

Accessibility features helpfully eliminate problems you might have with the keyboard:

• StickyKeys is useful for one-finger typists. StickyKeys allows you to press keys one at a time and still perform a key combination where two keys are supposed to be pressed at the same time.

• FilterKeys is useful if you have the habit of pressing keys for too long (which causes repeat keystrokes), or if you frequently press keys more than once when you type.

• ToggleKeys will cause your PC to alert you with a 'ding' every time you press the Caps Lock or Num Lock keys, because they are often pressed in error.

• Mouse Control Panel allows you to swap the left and right buttons (very useful for left-handers); adjust the sensitivity of mouse or mouse-wheel movement; alter the double-click speed, or find your on-screen cursor by pressing the CTRL key.

Microsoft issues frequent updates for Windows. Automatic updates should already be enabled and should remain so, but the timing of downloading or installing them is adjustable. Windows Firewall should also remain enabled to prevent unauthorised access from the internet, unless you have bought and installed an internet security package, which will supersede it.

New members were reassured not to be concerned about any bits they couldn't follow as they will become clearer in time. They were encouraged to explore the range of options and select the ones they like. Finding out is part of the fun and life will get easier.

The club next meets on Tuesday, October 11. I will explain the 'Golden Rules' and his 10 best hints and tips. Visitors welcome.

Visit the website penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

HOWARD DESMOND

ANNUAL DOLLS HOUSE EXHIBITION

THE Mid Glam Dolls House and Miniaturist Group is holding its annual exhibition on Saturday, October 8, at the town hall, Cowbridge.

It opens at 10.30am with displays, a raffle, a sale table and light refreshments.

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Youth flautists - new groups!

THE youth specialist flute ensemble 'Light Breeze' has been a great success - it rehearsed weekly during the school terms of 2007 and 2010.

It gave its premiere performance as part of the Cowbridge flute and harp recital in 2008, which helped to raise money for Ty Hafan Hospice and together with 'High Winds' flute ensemble, entertained the public with Christmas music in the Glanfa Foyer of the Cardiff Millennium Centre 2009.

In July 2010, 'Light Breeze' travelled to primary schools in the Vale and performed solos, Welsh and easy listening music with CD backing tracks and piano accompaniment.

Finally, in April 2011, to their credit, ex-members played alongside the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in the Cardiff Millennium Centre as part of the Arcomis Flute event.

Following Light Breeze's great success, Joyce Carter wants to establish a new or a series of new youth flute ensembles, depending on age and ability.

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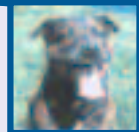
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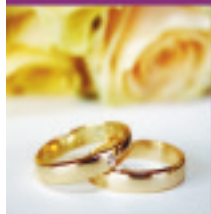

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

European Day celebrates diversity of languages

BARRY Comprehensive School pupils celebrated the European Day of Languages with a range of activities celebrating the diversity of language across Europe and the world.

Taster lessons were given in a wide range of languages, including Danish, German, Italian, Norwegian, Slovakian, Spanish and Japanese.

The lessons were delivered by the languages department, along with expert help from colleagues from other departments, visiting retired colleagues and sixth form exchange students, making this a truly international event.

The art department focussed on Africa, with pupils making colourful masks representing different countries while the music department explored European themes in music.

Pupils also had the



ABOVE: Mr Tresilian volunteered for the arduous role of cake competition judge

opportunity of preparing, cooking and eating a selection of tasty international dishes including Indian onion bhajees, Spanish tortillas and Italian bruschetta and meatballs.

European-themed quizzes were organised in other lessons and the Learning Resource Centre throughout the day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

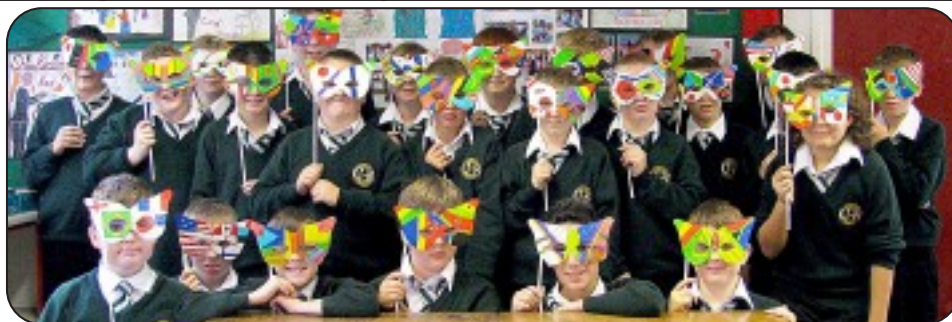
BARRY Comprehensive joined other schools and offices across the UK last Friday to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Pupils, parents and staff contributed cakes which Sixth Form students sold to eager pupils at break time. Staff made and submitted a mouth-watering selection to the cake competition, which was judged by resident expert, Mr Tresilian.

The school also welcomed a number of special guests to the Learning Resource Centre to join in with the fundraising, including Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM and members of the Royal British Legion.

The coffee morning was great fun, and also raised £500 for the Macmillan charity.

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ABOVE: African masks in the Art Room



LEFT: Jane Hutt AM, with headteacher David Swallow, assistant headteacher Robert Green and sixth form students.

Busy start to month for Penarth mayor

IT has been a busy start to October for Penarth Mayor, Coun Anthony Ernest.

On Tuesday last week, he hosted a reception for representatives of local groups who took part in this year's Summer Festival, and on Friday he visited Ty Dewi Sant to congratulate a resident who was celebrating her 101st birthday, presenting her with a small gift to honour the occasion.

On Saturday evening at the Cogan Coronation Club, Coun Ernest and his wife joined a gathering of members of Penarth Petanque Club, which was cel-

ebrating its 25th anniversary as a club, regularly playing in the grounds of The Kymyn.

On Monday this week, the Mayor visited the Washington Gallery for a presentation by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and on Tuesday he and Mrs Gaynor Ernest were scheduled to visit Penarth WRVS Tuesday Club, to celebrate the club's 50th birthday, at the Paget Rooms.

The Mayor said he was very pleased that so many organisations had asked him to attend their celebrations, and that this highlighted just some of the people and groups that contributed so much to the town.

VALEWAYS WALKS

On Sunday, October 9 at 2pm, the Monks Walk starting at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park. Contact 01446 749000.

On Tuesday, October 11 at 1.30pm, walk around Rhosce. Meet at Rhosce station car park. Contact 07889 522321.



ABOVE: These Indian onion bhajees taste as good as they look!

Praise from minister

JANE Hutt AM has visited the newly refurbished Careers Wales offices on Holton Road, Barry, to congratulate Mark Freeman and his team on upgrading their premises to better meet the needs of their clients. Pictured are Ms Hutt AM; Mark Freeman, head of Careers Wales in Cardiff and the Vale; and Ana Cambridge, careers advisor.




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Within a short period of time this one-man operation, established by Richard Sheppard, expanded into a workshop with twenty men employed and then into a retail outlet on Commercial Road in the town.

By the late 60s, 1968 to be precise, Richard Sheppard invested in a new premises – the former Paul's Builder's Merchants, which is now the furniture department store we all know as George Street Furnishers.

The original concept for what was then called George Street Warehouse was an outlet where people could buy top brand furniture at low prices. Having moved from its position on the main shopping street of Commercial Road, George Street Furnishers became one of the town's first 'out of town' stores – and quickly

grew in both reputation and popularity. The unique position of the warehouse made for easy expansion allowing the Sheppard family to develop the store from a warehouse to its current form – a one-stop store for the whole home.

Around thirty years ago Richard's sons Martyn and Graham became involved in the business, taking it over and moving it forward. As the store expansion continued the selection of fantastic products available grew, with George

Street Furnishers now offering

in Cardiff five years ago which quickly became well-established within the capital city.

Currently employing fifty people locally, this family business continues to hold strong, developing even through the current tough economic times and planning ahead for the future. The third generation of the Sheppard family are now becoming involved in the business with Martyn and Graham's sons Adam, Luke, Joseph and Jared all active in various capacities.

George Street Furnishers caters beautifully for all shoppers, from first-time buyers looking

for flooring products. George Street Furnishers really is a one-stop shop when it comes to furnishing your home.

So what is the secret to this fantastic local store's sixty years of success? "Throughout its life, since its days as an upholstery business to now, George Street Furnishers has been focused on offering a quality personal service with excellent customer care and after-sales service," says Martyn Sheppard.

"I strongly believe that it's this concept that now sees us furnishing the homes of up to three generations of some families."

October 8 and 9 will see George Street Furnishers celebrate its 60th anniversary in true style. The whole weekend will be dedicated to the celebration with a host of special offers in store and lots of giveaways, including a £1000 in store gift voucher up for grabs.

With delivery available before Christmas on most products, this



weekend could be the perfect time to treat your home to that new piece, while celebrating the fantastic achievement of one of the city's longest-established retailers.



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Mixed martial arts drama packs a physical and emotional punch

IN 2002, the crew of the *Starship Enterprise* embarked upon another adventure in *Star Trek: Nemesis*, which featured a young Jean Luc Picard, played by an unknown thespian called Tom Hardy.

The film's lack of success (it is the only film I have ever walked out of!) saw the young Brit build up his resume in little-seen low-budget films or on television, no doubt awaiting a breakthrough role which would show off his undoubted talent.

If the 2008 double whammy of *RocknRolla* and *Bronson* merely reaffirmed Hardy's abilities (the latter being an incendiary performance), then last year's *Inception* proved to be his Hollywood breakthrough.

Due to team up with Christopher Nolan again in the final part of the director's *Batman* trilogy next year as the villainous Bane, Hardy appears to be on the right track career-wise, and he pops up on the big screen now in *Warrior*.

The film tells the story of two estranged brothers, Tommy (Hardy) and Brendan (Joel Edgerton), whose lives have not panned out as they planned.

The former is a ball of anger, asking for fight training from his estranged father (Nick Nolte) but with no desire to rekindle familial relationships, while the latter is a school teacher with financial worries, resorting to fighting in car parks to make money.

When the pair independently decide to enter a mixed martial arts tournament, they are on crash course to make

their history come out into the open...

Given the rise of mixed martial arts through the likes of *Strikeforce* and, most notably, *UFC*, it isn't all that surprising that Hollywood has decided to make a film out of it.

It is similarly unsurprising that they have broken out the traditional sports film template with which to showcase the fighting action – yet, while this could have been a by-the-numbers sports film that follows the usual road, *Warrior* somehow manages to make itself stand out from the crowd.

Yes, it most certainly isn't a departure from your usual underdog sports film, but it does throw in enough variants to the regular mix to keep things interesting.

Whereas you usually have your one primary rootable lead, here you have two, both of whom manage to elicit sympathy from the audience (although Hardy's is the less clear cut of the pair).

In fact, the family dynamic is the key ingredient in the film, taking it beyond the usual pattern and offering something deeper for you to chew on.

Co-writing alongside Anthony Tambakis and Cliff Dorfman, director Gavin O'Connor is on familiar turf here, having previously directed ice hockey drama *Miracle* and having co-written and directed family drama *Pride and*

Glory. His knowledge of both the sports film dynamic, along with the familial relationship angle pays dividends, managing to mesh the two elements together without either one losing impact.

While the sports element does have a degree of predictability about it, as the tournament goes on you become more intrigued by the possible outcomes and the impact they have upon the characters, both realising defeat will be curtains for their respective dreams, while the family element is well served by offering no easy solutions and striving for reality without reverting to the cheesy pay-offs that so often appear in these films.

Similarly, the performances help to sell the reality of the story, with both Edgerton and Hardy in the leads offering some wonderful turns. Certainly, Hardy has the more difficult of the two, his character layered and far more sketched in than Edgerton's luckless teacher, but his performance is watchable and engaging, a tightly wound spring uncoiling only when inside the octagon, as his opponents discover.

Meanwhile Edgerton (who eagle-eyed *Star Wars* fans will recognise as the young Uncle Owen from *Attack of the Clones*) shows how under-rated an actor he is with a performance that could have slipped into mawkish sentimentality as the man trying to help his family survive, but is giving grit and steel by the actor in a turn that should singpost him as an actor of some renown.

Completing the triumvirate of excellent performances is Nick

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Nolte as the pair's reformed alcoholic father, whose past with his kids threatens to ruin any hope he has of building a relationship with them. For an actor prone to chowing down his performances with a side of ham, Nolte has rarely been better in recent years, the fragility of a man who realises he can't make amends for past mistakes etched all too clearly on his face.

If the overall predictability of the story is a touch too much, such is its devotion to convention, then the up-in-the-air ending, nuanced direction and top performances elevate this from being your run of the mill sporting movie; as it is, *Warrior* packs a mighty punch.

VERDICT - Predictable yet gloriously engaging and watchable, *Warrior* transcends its genre origins to become a film that adds gravitas to the subject matter. With Gavin O'Connor's direction both gritty and focused, and Tom Hardy, Joel Edgerton and Nick Nolte delivering top performances, *Warrior* is a truly superb film.

Highly recommended.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Rocky* (1976), *Any Given Sunday* (1999), *The Karate Kid* (1984).

Vale dancers excel at world championships



ABOVE: Lewis Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins and Louise Thorne

AS was reported in last week's GEM, three local dancers are celebrating their success at the World Dance Masters Championships, held in Manchester in August.

Lewis Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins and Louise Thorne (from Rhoease and Barry) all became world champions in Solostyle at the annual event, where dancers come from countries all over the world to compete for one

of the coveted titles.

Lewis Jenkins won the Division 2 advanced teenage male division and has now qualified to compete in Allstars – the highest division overall.

Rebecca Jenkins won the world champion title in Division 3 intermediate junior female, and Louise Thorne won the Division 3 intermediate open female title; both will now move up to Division 2.

PENODI GWENNOL HAF YN SWYDDOG Y DYSGWYR

MAE Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru wedi penodi Gwennol Haf yn Swyddog y Dysgwyr am y flwyddyn nesaf i hybu'r iaith yn ardal y Brifwyl, a gynhelir ar hen faes awyr Llandw o 4-11 Awst 2012.

Yn wreiddiol o Gwm Gwendraeth, symudodd Gwennol i Gaerdydd i astudio Gwleidyddiaeth yn y Brifysgol, a bu'n byw yn y brifddinas ers hynny fwy na heb.

Yn ddiweddar, treuliodd dros flwyddyn yn byw a gweithio yn Awstralia, a bu'n cynnal gwersi Cymraeg i oedolion ym Melbourne. Meddai Gwennol, "Rwy'n gobeithio y bydd ymweliad yr Eisteddfod â Bro Morgannwg y flwyddyn nesaf yn ysbrydoli trigolion yr ardal i fynd ati i ddysgu Cymraeg, ac rwy'n edrych ymlaen i weithio'n lleol er mwyn sicrhau bod pobl yn ymwybodol o'r cyfleoedd sydd ar gael.

Dyma'r tro cyntaf i'r Eisteddfod ymweld ag ardal y Fro ers blynedd-deddf lawer, a'r gobaiht yw rhoi cyfle i bobl gael blas ar yr iaith cyn mis Awst y flwyddyn nesaf."

Ychwanegodd Elfed Roberts, Prif Weithredwr yr Eisteddfod, "Rwy'n falch o groesawu Gwennol i'r tîm, ac rwy'n siwr y bydd hi'n gwneud gwahaniaeth mawr i waith yr Eisteddfod yn lleol. Mae sicrhau gwaddol iethydol yn rhan hollbwysig o waith y Brifwyl, ac rwy'n mawr oboethio y bydd trigolion y Fro yn manteisio ar y cyfle i ddysgu mwy am yr iaith."

Bydd Gwennol yn gweithio o swyddfa'r Eisteddfod yng Nghaerdydd, a gellir cysylltu drwy ffonio 0845 4090 300.

GWENNOL HAF IS APPOINTED LEARNERS OFFICER

THE National Eisteddfod has appointed Gwennol Haf as its learners' officer for the next year, to promote the language in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Originally from the Gwendraeth Valley, Gwennol moved to Cardiff as a student to study politics, and has settled in the city since then.

She recently spent over a year working and living in Australia, where she taught Welsh to adults in Melbourne.

She said: "I hope that the Eisteddfod's visit to the Vale will inspire local people to learn Welsh, and I look forward to working across the catchment area to ensure that

people are aware of the opportunities available. This is the Eisteddfod's first visit to the Vale of Glamorgan for over 40 years, and I hope that people will get a taste for the language before next August."

Elfed Roberts, National Eisteddfod Chief Executive, added: "I'm delighted to welcome Gwennol to the team, and I am certain she will make a great contribution towards the Eisteddfod's work locally."

"We will work hard to ensure that the festival leaves a linguistic legacy in the Vale, and I hope local people will get involved and start learning Welsh."

Gwennol is based in the Eisteddfod's office in Cardiff, and can be reached by ringing 0845 4090 300.

The Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod is to be held on the old airfield at Llandow from August 4-11 next year.

Get writing for the Eisteddfod!

THERE'S less than two months to go before the first closing dates for entries for the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod.

Although only a few weeks have passed since the end of the Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod, preparations for next year's festival are already gathering pace.

Entries for the Prose Medal or the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize in 2012, must be in by 1 December.

In 2012, the Prose Medal will be awarded for a volume of creative prose, no more than 40,000 words, responding to the title 'Migration'. The medal and £750 prize were donated by Janet and Glenda and family in memory of Bill and Megan Jones. This year's adjudicators are Gwerfyl Pierce James, Aled Islwyn and Fflur Dafydd.

The Daniel Owen Memorial Prize is awarded for an unpublished novel of no fewer than 50,000 words. John Rowlands, Gareth F Williams and Sioned Williams are the 2012 adjudicators and the winner will receive £5,000 and the medal.

The Eisteddfod is held on the old airfield at Llandow on August 4-11 next year. For more information, go to www.eisteddfod.org.uk.

Charity concert

'A MUSICAL Celebration' will take place at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Bridgend, on Wednesday, October 12, 6.30pm for 7pm.

The evening is being presented by compere Mr Tony Morgan, director at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen; musical director Mrs Andrea Stockton and headteacher Mr Andrew

Warren. Organised by the Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee and Bridgend borough Mayor Coun Christopher Michaelides, the event will support a host of local charities.

Tickets are £5, children free. For more information, contact M Major on 01656 664105 or Mr Doug John on 01656 861594 or the coleg on 01656 815920.

Quilters hold exhibition to celebrate 30 years



Above: Some of the Glamorgan Quilters preparing for the exhibition. Margaret Skinner is on the right

THE Glamorgan Quilters are in the final stages of preparing for an exhibition to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

The exhibition of quilts will take place in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15.

BBC Wales newswriter Lucy Owen will open the exhibition at 11am on the Friday.

Two quilts made by members will be the top prizes in a raffle to be drawn on Saturday afternoon by Cowbridge town councillor Len Taylor. There is a quilt-covered journal to go with each,

containing photographs recording the stages of production of the quilts. There are also lots of other prizes to be won, including more quilts and vouchers for Waitrose and Tesco.

The entry fee is £3 and includes refreshments. There will be a sales table and a trader present on each day, and demonstrations on quilting. It will be open 11am - 5pm on Friday and 10am - 3pm on Saturday. Profits will go to the chairman's charity, which this year is the British Heart Foundation.

For further information and raffle tickets, contact the chairman Mrs Margaret Skinner on 01446 774820.

Brass band's annual concert

TICKETS have just gone on sale for RAF St Athan Voluntary Band's 73rd annual concert.

The event will be held at Llantwit Major School on Saturday, October 22, starting at 7.30pm.

Joining the band on stage will be the Caerphilly Male Choir.

There will be classic choir numbers and a band programme drawn from the band's summer successes at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and the recent Miners' Eisteddfod in Porthcawl – complete with the usual spectacular joint band and choir numbers.

Tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) and are available from Chris Davies Estate Agents, East Street, Llantwit Major; from band members; by phone on 01446 798527 or e-mail dom@4st.mod.uk. Check out the band's website at rafstathanvoluntaryband.co.uk.

Competition winner

THE winner of the voucher for £20 for The Bead Room at Boxes and Busts, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, as promoted in The Glamorgan GEM on September 8, is Mrs Vivienne Biddiscombe, Burlington Street, Barry.



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The staff and pupils of Bryn Hafren welcome parents and children to our Open Week...

Our open evening will be held on Thursday 20th October 6pm-8pm. There will be a formal welcome by Head Teacher Mr Phil Whitcombe at both 6pm and 7pm. You are invited to attend either session followed by a guided tour of the school.

The open mornings on 17th, 18th & 19th of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

Mr Phil Whitcombe, Headteacher is absolutely delighted with the current academic performance of the pupils. In the last year there has been yet another significant rise in the numbers of pupils gaining 5 or more A* to C grade at GCSE level, which now stands at 69%, 25% above CAT Targets.

The GCSE results have risen by 28% in the last 7 years and the school has exceptionally high value added, performance at the highest benchmark levels at all Key Stages and is well ahead of Vale and National targets for similar schools.

This year, over 40% of the pupils gained at least 10 top grade GCSEs with the most successful gaining 14 GCSEs. This marks another outstanding year of examination success for the pupils of Bryn Hafren.

Curriculum:

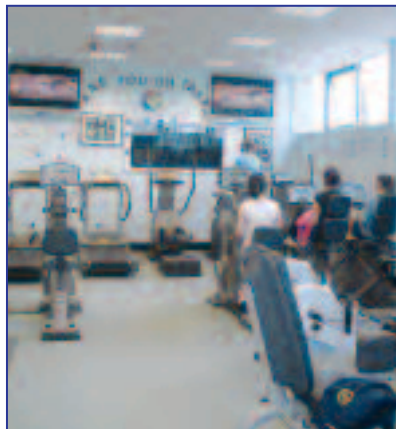
Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. The school has recently refurbished many areas including Science Laboratories, ICT suites, the Art Department, Food Technology and Learning Resource Centre. Recent building additions include a Hair and Beauty suite and an Astro Turf area. The curriculum has further been enhanced by the addition of Wider Key Skills at KS3, giving pupils an equivalent of 2 GCSEs at grade B. The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied in KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital qualifications as they move into further education or employment. The provision of extra curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutor system offers good support and guidance in a caring community. Progress is monitored and individual pupils are encouraged to achieve academic success in a fully inclusive environment. The school works closely with parents via Form Tutor and Parents' Evenings through the year. In addition the school welcomes individual contact with parents as required.



Science – One of the newly refurbished Science Laboratories



Astro Turf, Fitness Suite and Pool – Bryn Hafren's sporting facilities are outstanding.



Residential experiences include language and culture courses as well as outdoor pursuits. Pupils recently visited Mt Vesuvius, Sorrento, Italy.



Awards ceremony – All pupils are regularly rewarded for good attendance, effort improvement and excellence in lessons.



ICT suite – A huge investment in ICT has created excellent opportunities for all pupils.



The King and I – The Performing Arts Department produced a highly successful production of the King and I, pupils in all year groups were involved. The production gained the school the best overall youth production in South Wales at the Glammie Awards.



The Learning Resource Centre is available for pupil use before school, break and lunchtimes as well as after school.

School's fun language day!

PUPILS at Bryn Hafren School marked the school's language day by getting well-and-truly into the spirit of things.

They arrived at school in a variety of national costumes, and did all they could to capture the spirit of their chosen country.

Many of those choosing Spain came dressed to take lessons in flamenco dancing, while the French contingent favoured the traditional Breton striped shirt and a beret.

Of course, to be really French they could have emulated the rugby team and spent the day arguing with their coach!



Chris goes for gold

A YOUNG achiever from Barry will pick up his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in the prestigious setting of St James's Palace, London.

Chris White is among hundreds of youngsters from across the UK who will be heading to the palace on October 17 to receive certificates from the award scheme's patron and

founder, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, and Gold award holder HRH The Earl of Wessex.

Chris attended the Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff, where he achieved his Gold award.

The award presentation is a recognition of Chris's hard work, determination and perseverance in completing the unique and challenging Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme.



Chris White

Debut novel for local author

VALE author Anthony Lavisher will be at Barry Library to sign copies of his debut novel.

Anthony, who lives in Boverton, has written *Whispers of a Storm*, a Medieval-styled action adventure story that follows a stonemason and a noblewoman's fortunes as they unwittingly become involved in a dangerous game of survival.

"I am inspired by writers like Tolkien and David Gemmell, but I have also had people that don't usually read this genre tell me they were hooked," said Anthony.

He will be at Barry Library talking about and signing copies of *Whispers of a Storm* between 10.30am and 12 noon, and 1pm-2.30pm on Tuesday, October 11.

Alpine adventure for Barry U3A walkers

BARRY U3A Walkers have recently returned from a holiday in the Julian Alps in Slovenia.

This beautiful area of mountains and lakes, within the Triglav National Park, enabled the group to take part in a variety of walks on high mountain tracks, Alpine meadows, deep glacial valleys and walks around Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj.

Visits to the capital Ljubljana and the world-famous Postarna Caves were included to give an insight to the culture and history of Slovenia - a great holiday with some fantastic walking.

October walk: Thursday, October 13, meet at 10.30am outside the Tourist Office, Barry Island, for a 60 to 90-minute walk around Barry Island. For more information on the group, ring Val on 01446 730707.



The Barry U3A Walkers at the Julian Alps in Slovenia



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Barry's famous THOMPSON STREET is set for a new era

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THERE was a time in the middle of the last century when the Thompson Street area of

Barry was a vibrant, hectic location populated with shops, bars and social clubs, and peopled by

townsfolk, seamen and dockers.

But times change, and now it is more residential and business in nature.

A £1million facelift has given one of the town's most famous thoroughfares a new lease of life.

Although some people have questioned the wisdom of such a large investment in one street, local businesses and residents are adamant that 'their' time had come.

One such resident, June Colomb, said the work was welcome and long overdue.

June, who has lived in Thompson Street and Dunlin Court for the last 31 years, and whose four children were born during that time, said: "It was high time they updated the place. What we have now is a brighter, modern 21st century look."

"It is a proper link for people coming over the bridge from the Waterfront into the town, and for those who need to go across the bridge from town to the doctors' surgery."

June can remember back to the sixties when the bars and clubs in the area included the Chain Locker, The Buffs Club, The Seaman's Rest, the Coronation Club, and the Blue Cafe.

In those days, people claimed it was Barry's answer to Cardiff's Tiger Bay.

However, June is not one to dwell on the past and insisted that the investment was well worthwhile.

"The new lighting gives a more secure feel and the improvements in the pavements will help those using scooters and wheelchairs," she said.

"It was time for something to be done and now it looks tidier and more up-to-date."

Few people over the last 100 years could have had more of an investment in Thompson Street than the Frangoulis family.

Nick Frangoulis, who owns the shoe repair shop at the top end of Thompson Street near Holton Road, and is chairman of the local traders, said: "My father established the company 61 years ago."

"We have put our faith in the area and the community."

"The refurbishment of Thompson Street has been a long time coming and should, in fact, have been done before the start of work at the Waterfront – after



ABOVE: Thompson Street resident June Colomb says the thoroughfare's new 21st century look was long overdue, that new street lights made it safer and that the design of pavements will make it easier for wheelchair users.

all, it is a gateway into the town.

"Now, with the bridge, there is a proper link between the Waterfront and town."

Mel Bonner of Barry Satellite Telecraft said the work had boosted the look of the local environment: "The whole street looks a lot tidier and I'm pleased with the finished look. Previously, it had appeared a bit messy, but as you look down the street it is a lot neater."

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The local councillor Chris Elmore said he hoped the upgrade would provide a boost for local business people.

"I know that having spoken to business people, they have been waiting for quite a time to see this development, and hope that in the long term there will be benefits for them," he said.

Eileen Moore, the manager of the local drop-in centre, agreed that the pristine look would attract new interest in the area.

"I think it will increase the footfall and encourage more shoppers and investors," she said.

Eileen added that local volunteers still planned to add planters to Thompson Street, adding to the trees that have already been planted on the

opposite side from the new street lights.

One question that people are now asking is: What will happen to the building currently housing the magistrates' court?

It is due to close on December 16, and among the suggestions The GEM has received for its future use have been an arts centre, a cinema and a venue for local dance groups.



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Dancing queen Wendy hopes to waltz away with top care award

A SALSA enthusiast from Barry is hoping to hit the right notes with the judges of a prestigious awards scheme.

Wendy Harvey has been shortlisted for one of the 2011 Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales to highlight excellence in the caring profession.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony

in City Hall, Cardiff, on October 21, and Wendy is a finalist in the category for Commitment to Training and Workforce Development.

For the past four years she has been care supervisor for All Care (South Wales), and since completing the 'Train the Trainer' course in 2008, has been the group's training officer, a role which

gives her much satisfaction.

For several years Wendy, of Mountbatten Road, Barry, worked in the retail sector but as her daughter grew older she fancied becoming a nurse, an ambition which she wasn't able to realise when her second child was born.

Instead, she became a carer seven years ago, joining All Care after

three years.

She was nominated for the award by her manager – and salsa partner – Emma James, who said she had created quite an impression with colleagues and service-users.

"Having worked alongside Wendy on numerous occasions I have witnessed her delivering care in a very dignified manner," she said. "She always focuses on people's abilities rather than their disabilities and continually promotes independence."

"She is highly thought of among her supervisors due to her caring and understanding approach to all problems faced by our staff," she added.

As part of her training role, Wendy has emphasised the importance of treating service-users with dignity, an issue high on the agenda of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Her nomination was supported by Amanda Heathfield, who joined All Care in 2010 and benefited from Wendy's training and supervision.

"When Wendy took me out into the commu-



ABOVE: Wendy Harvey is up for a care award.

nity for the first time she was great," wrote Amanda. "She made me feel at ease while still maintaining excellent professionalism."

Wendy said she derived great satisfaction from seeing the newcomers progress and gain in confidence through their induction through the mentoring stage to coping on their own.

Mario Kreft MBE, the honorary chief executive of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone from strength to strength.

He said: "The aim is to recognise the unstinting and often remarkable dedication of our unsung heroes and heroines across Wales."

"The care sector is full of wonderful people because it's not just a job it's a vocation – these are the people who really do have the X Factor."

Vale MP champions college as leader in special needs provision

ALUN CAIRNS, MP for the Vale, last week visited Beechwood College, which helps to improve the lives of those with learning disabilities.



ABOVE: Alun Cairns with Darren Jackson.

He was given a guided tour of the new facilities at the college, which is Wales' first and only specialist residential college of further education for students over the age of 16 years with an autistic spectrum condition (ASC) or Asperger's Syndrome.

Following the national art competition, 'Create! Art for Autism', which ran from March to June, Beechwood College is holding an exhibition in London from October 15-21 to showcase the

outstanding artwork from the competition finalists. As part of his commitment to Beechwood College, Mr Cairns will attend the exhibition and show his support for their creativity campaign.

Darren Jackson, the principal of Beechwood College, said: "Parliamentary engagement is a key part of our national strategy to raise awareness for autism provision. "As well as being our local MP, Alun Cairns has a huge amount of enthusiasm for improving the lives of those with autism and we're excited about his support for our work in the future."

New crematorium is opened in Barry

THE Vale Of Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium opened on October 3 at Port Road East on the outskirts of Barry.

Lyndsay Ellis of Park Independent Funeral Directors said the new facility would spare bereaved families in Barry and other areas of the Vale a long journey to Bridgend or north Cardiff.

"I have recently visited the crematorium on various occasions, and witnessed the change from start to finish over the past few months, prior to the opening."

"The transformation has been amazing. The crematorium creates a sense of reflection and offers tranquil surroundings for families, so that loved

ones can be given the send-off they deserve.

"In the past, the time to go to Coychurch Crematorium or Thornhill could take in excess of 45 minutes."

"To be able to travel to Port Road East will alleviate the stress and time added to a funeral."

The crematorium is technologically advanced, providing a webcam so that family members who cannot attend the funeral are able to watch from a different location.

There are also two large LCD screens, which can be used for photographs and a slideshow of a loved one during funeral services.

Mr Ellis added: "This is something that the Vale has needed for a long time and thanks to Memoria Crematoria it has now happened."

Barry Bees shine

ON a blistering October morning, Barry Bees under-9s travelled to Rhiwbina for a three-match round robin.

The first match was evenly contested with good defence from both sides.

Barry forced the pace and twice took the lead with tries from Cole

Saunders and Seb Fahiya, but Rhiwbina responded well and the game finished 2-2.

The second match was against another strong Rhiwbina team; Barry conceded an early try, which set the pattern.

Tries from Reece Lloyd and James Chapman kept Barry in the game, but they were

always playing catch up and lost 4-2.

The Bees saved their best performance for the final game against a good Rumney team.

The Barry defence was dominant and excellent tackling put them on top.

With another try from Seb and two from Cole, Barry finished deserved 3-1 winners. JM



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Harvest Supper keeps Organ Appeal on track

by Ann Elliott

THE Organ Appeal at All Saints' Church, Barry, was given another big boost last week, with a cheque for £420.

The money was raised at the annual Harvest Supper organised by the Mothers' Union and held in a packed church hall on Thursday, September 29.

The evening included a buffet supper and raffle, followed by entertainment by the Spectrum Singers from Penarth, who were delighted to support the appeal.

The audience was treated to an eclectic mix of a capella singing, ranging from *Autumn Leaves* to *On Top of The World*, which was enthusiastically received.

The Organ Appeal total has already reached £12,000 since its launch in May. The appeal, which will run until 2013, remains on track to reach the 12-month target of £35,000.

In total, £70,000 is required to repair the fine organ.

The next fundraising event will be a 'Music and



ABOVE: Mothers' Union treasurer Ann Hollinshead presenting a cheque to Father Adrian Berry and parish deputy treasurer Dave Ball.

Monologues' event on Thursday, October 20, at All Saints' Church organised by Gill Davies.

With the emphasis on humour, the Gill Davies Players are experienced and professional performers who have raised funds for many organisations in and around Cardiff and the Vale and they are delighted to be support-

ing the Organ Appeal.

It will be a diverse programme of some old favourites such as Gilbert and Sullivan, *Sunset Boulevard* and *The Mikado* and some new works and monologues.

Tickets are £8 and can be obtained by telephoning 01446 409227 or 01446 745997.

Eileen's Tree-mendous art!



ABOVE: Eileen Allan with her charcoal study 'Totem'.

Photo by Eve Hart

AN exhibition of work inspired by an artist's love of trees is going on show in Barry.

Eileen Allan's exhibition, *Treescape*, will open at the Travellers Gallery in the town on Monday, October 17.

Eileen has loved trees since childhood, and since moving to South Wales in 1967, Porthkerry Woods near Barry have inspired many of her drawings and paintings, which have been shown widely in the UK and abroad.

Her tree drawings are not 'sketches', but dynamic works that analyse the structures found in nature. The drawings have then inspired

many of her paintings and mixed media works. Eileen said: "The rhythmic energy of growth and the disintegration of decay are all visual elements I seek to express in my drawing and painting."

The exhibition at the gallery in Barry Station, Broad Street, is open mornings, Monday to Friday, until November 24.

The Travellers Gallery exhibition programme is run in partnership by Mind in the Vale and VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists).

For details contact Mind in the Vale on 01446 730792, or go to www.mindinthevale.org.uk or www.voga.org.uk.

Curry and quiz night

BARRY and Penarth Lions Club is holding a curry and quiz night at St Andrews Major Golf Club, Barry, on Friday, October 14 (7.30pm for 8pm).

The evening includes a selection of curries, a raffle and spot prizes. Proceeds to Marie Curie. Tickets are £10. Phone 0845 8336742 or 07913 296879, or visit www.barrylionsclub.co.uk.

Harvest Festival at St Lawrence



ABOVE: The fruits of the festival at St Lawrence at Lavernock.

AT the recent Harvest Festival, the Friends of St Lawrence at Lavernock were delighted by the efforts of the work party and flower arrangers to 'Autumn Clean' and decorate the small, listed, Medieval church and chancel

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THE winter series of lectures for Dinas Powys Local History Society commences on Tuesday, October 11, at Kynance Hall.

The evening will begin with the AGM at 6.30pm, followed by an illustrated talk by Dr Alan Lane on 'The Powys Hillfort, Hall of

a Dark Age King or a nest of Irish Robbers?' at 7.30pm.

An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non-members and £1 for members.

All are very welcome to attend. Further details from Jeff Childs, telephone 02920 513615.

Floral demo
THE Barry Floral

Society at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, meets on October 11 at 2.15pm when Mrs Jackie Beard, of Cinderford, will give a demonstration entitled 'Colour through the Seasons'. New members welcome.

Quilters' exhibition

GLAMORGAN
Quilters are holding an exhibition in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on October 14, 11am-5pm and Saturday, October 15 (10am-3pm). The 60 members

meet monthly in Old Hall, Cowbridge.

This year is the 30th anniversary and an exhibition is being held to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

There will be a variety of work exhibited, individually made by members. Entrance is £3, includes refreshments. Further information from Hilary Carney on 01446 774543 or hilyarmcarney@gmail.com.

Girls reunited!

AN informal get-together is being held for Barry Girls Grammar/Bryn

Hafren girls, 1970-75
(Sixth form '77) at Coffee Cove Wine Bar, Esplanade, Barry Island, on Friday, October 14, 7.30pm until late.

Telephone 01446 406542 for details.

Rhose art exhibition

RHOOSE Art Group is holding an annual exhibition and sale of work on October 15 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose. It runs from 11am to 5pm. Come and view the work, have a cup of tea and a chat.

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Chris Andre to wow them at Ship Inn

A MUSICIAN with the rather famous surname of 'Andre' is appearing at the Ship Inn, Barry, on October 27.

Chris Andre, a multi-instrumentalist, is the brother of Peter Andre and has helped to write for his better-known sibling.

Chris plays the Spanish guitar, electric guitar, bousoiki and the violin.

He can be seen on ITV's *Peter Andre - The Next Chapter*, and he also appeared on *Celebrity Family Fortunes*.

He explained: "I enjoy the thrill of playing the larger arenas such as the

O2, but also the interaction of audiences in the smaller venues."

Chris is a songwriter, composer and producer, who works with his own band and for his brother.

He wrote the music for Peter Andre's last hit *Mercy On Me*.

Clive Marshall, the manager of the Ship Inn, told the GEM: "Chris will also be appearing at the Oyster Catcher in Penarth the night before he performs in Barry."

"I have seen him perform and he is a true musician - it is great to have him coming to the Ship Inn."

Chris Andre's set begins at 8pm on October 27.

Cardiff Toy and Train Sale

THE fourth (and last of 2011) toy and trains collectors' bonanzas takes place at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, October 15, between 10.30am and 3pm.

The event, established last January, has gone from strength to strength and is now firmly established in the collector's world and is of suitable size and substance for a show in the capital city.

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1. Closing date for entries: 14.10.11. 2. Winners will be randomly selected and informed on 14.10.11. 3. Competition prize is a family ticket (4) for Bob the Man on the Moon, Saturday 22 October 2011. Send your answers to: Bob the Man on the Moon, Memorial Hall and Theatre, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA, or email us at boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk with your answer.

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Clothes Show Live, the UK's biggest fashion and beauty event returns for its 23rd year with even more fashion, beauty and shopping than ever from the 2-7 December at Birmingham's NEC.

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(Valid Friday December 2 only).

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Combining all the razzle and dazzle of a West End Show and the glamour of a catwalk show at New York Fashion Week Clothes Show Live's famous Fashion Theatre performance is a reason in itself to come to Clothes Show Live. Over 40 models and dancers take to the world's longest catwalk to showcase the latest collections from everyone from Henry Holland to DKNY and Adidas to New Look in an original themed catwalk show. This year's theme is 'The Department Store', with eight scenes each inspired by the different levels of famous New York Department store Bloomingdale's.

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For your chance to win this amazing prize, just answer this simple question:
Where is Clothes Show Live being held?



Send your answers on a postcard, marked 'Clothes Show Live', to Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL no later than Friday, October 14.

Head to clotheshowlive.com for full details

Clothes Show Live in association with Suzuki and The Dance Show take place at Birmingham's NEC, from 2-7 December 2011. Tickets are available online now at clotheshowlive.com or by calling the box office on 0844 581 1256.

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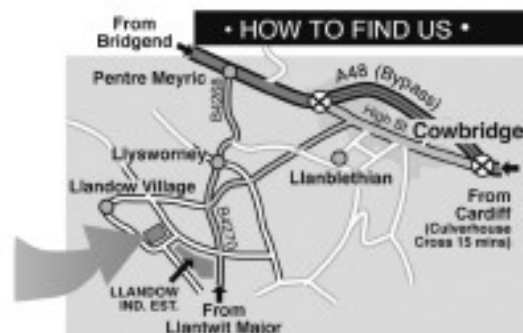
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Swimmers shine in sponsored swim

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club held its 800 metres sponsored swim with 26 girls taking part on Friday, September 16, and 29 boys on Friday, September 23.

This was more than half the total swimmers in the club – also, for the first time in many years, there were more boys than girls!

For swimmers who are new to the club, it is a good marker as to how much they have improved during the year.

Starting this year's event was Ellie Ingram and Rosa Bertini swimming in the eight and under age group, and in the event for the first time.

Eight-year-old Ellie Ingram came in first with a time of 18m 21s 50 with eight-year-old Rosa Bertini in second place in a time of 24m 05s 56; both swimmers had a very strong swim, and this meant that Elli took the eight and under trophy.

In the nine and 10 year age group, nine-year-old Ffion McCulloch took first place in a time of 15m 32s 56, which was over four minutes faster than her time last year.

Molly Hopkins (10) came in second in a time of 17m 06s 13 which was



Above: Ruby Davies, Ffion McCulloch, Alicia Prince, Charlotte Haggett, Molly Hopkins, Caitlin Vincent and Kate Prynn with Heulwen Cooper, club chairperson.

an improvement on last year time by nearly three minutes.

Ruby Davies (10) gained third place in a time of 17m 24s 36; this was the first time she had swum the event.

Not to be out done by her sister in the 11 and 12 year age group, Elizabeth McCulloch (12) finished in a time of 12m 20s 46 for first place. Elizabeth improved on last year's time by 49 seconds, while 11-year-old Grace Insole came in second place in a time of 12m 58s 66, which was nearly a two-minute improvement.

Following not far behind was Bethan Williams (11) in third place in a time of 13m 24s 34, which was an 81 seconds improvement.

In a fantastic time of

11 04s 11, 14-year-old Georgia Looker took the trophy in the 13 and 14 year age group.

Ffion Goodland (14) came in second in a time of 12m 37s 41, which was nearly a minute faster than last year's time, while coming in third was 14-year-old Laure Prynn in a time of 13m 33s 43.

Swimming in the senior age group, 16-year-old Alana Wilson came first and gained the trophy in a time of 11m 41s 67.

Seventeen-year-old Danielle Davis gained second place in a time of 11m 50s 43, which was just one second slower than last year's time.

Philippa Wheeler in the 'open age group' took the trophy in her age group in a time of 14m

18s 02 which was over one minute faster than last year's time.

Swimming in the 8 and under age group on the second night of the competition, Evan Morgan (8) swam the distance in a time 21m 04s 44, which was three-and-a-half minutes faster than last year's time. This meant that he gained the trophy for first place.

Coming in second was 8-year-old Thomas Pugh, swimming in the event for the first time in a time of 22m 32 40.

Taking third place in a fantastic time of 27m 53s 66 was six-year-old Monty Griffiths; 32 lengths of the Barry pool can be a long way for a six-year-old, so well done to Monty.

Joining Barry ASC in the summer from Tenby,



ABOVE: Toby Daulton, Ben Wilson, Luke Birnage, Jacob Davies, Morgan Blanc, Liam Curran, Thomas Vass, Iestyn Perkins, Calum Hoare and Lewy Blanc with Heulwen Cooper, club chairperson.

10-year-old Morgan Blanc took first place in the 9 and 10 year old age group in a time of 14m 18s 00 to gain the trophy.

Ten-year-old Luke Birnage gained second place in a time of 15m 29 25, which was two- and-a-half minutes faster than last year's time.

In third place was 10-year-old Jacob Davies in a time of 16m 42s 36.

One swimmer whose time improved more than any other was 10-year-old Liam Curran, who cut his former time by 6 minutes 10 seconds, swimming the distance this year in a time of 22m 28s 94.

In the 11 and 12 year old age group, 12-year-

old Ryan Connor took first place in a time of 12m 29s 38, which was over two minutes faster than last year's time and gained him the trophy.

Coming in just six seconds behind Ryan was 11-year-old Shaun Bowden in a time of 12m 35 62 to gain second place, which was more than one minute faster than last year.

In third place was James Hamer (11) in a time of 13m 39s 18.

18-year-old Rhys Perry swam in the senior age group and took first place and the trophy with his fantastic swim of 10m 28s 62.

15-year-old Jonathan Bowden took second

place in a time of 12m 31s 78, which was a 49 second improvement on last year.

Coming in third was 15-year-old Jonathan Haggett in a time of 12m 56s 20, which improved on last year's time by one minute, 16 seconds.

In the open age group, not to be outdone by his brother, 21-year-old Simon Perry took first place and gained the trophy in a time of 10m 35s 32.

Just to show the swimmers that they could do it, Shaun Connor, dad to Ryan, swam the distance in a time of 12m 56s 10 to gain second place.

Senior swimmers coach, Mike Looker,

came in third in a time of 15m 49s 22 and this was faster than last year by one minute, 6 seconds.

Once again, this was a fantastic event made much easier by all the help that was given by the officials and timekeepers; without their help this event and many others would not run in the club.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club so if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN?

Mr and Mrs Samuel – **Ty Cadno, Clawdd Coch, Pendoylan** – construction of detached garage.
Mr Alex Bosley – **Ein Cartef, Claude Road West, Barry** – extension above existing single storey side extension.
Mr Huw Beynon – **13 Wordsworth Close,**

Llantwit Major – proposed first-floor extension over existing garage to create new master bedroom and en suite.
Mr Nigel Arnold – **plot adjacent to 15 Albert Street, Barry** – demolition of existing detached garage and construction of new detached two-storey

dwelling with off-street parking.
Taylor Wimpey – **Lower School, Town Mill Road, Cowbridge** – demolition of former school building and associated buildings.
Costa Limited – **14 High Street, Cowbridge** – modifications and alterations to shopfront.
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Mr William Hall – **East Down Farmhouse, St Hilary** – installation of 21 free standing solar panels (aluminium frame) to serve East down Farmhouse.
Mr Dusty Jones – **The Penarth Motor Company, Windsor Road, Penarth** – retrospective consent for the removal of existing chainlink fence and concrete posts. Replace with black powder-coated steel fence and posts. Removal of existing chainlink swing gates. Replace with powder-coated sliding steel gates to match fence.
Mrs Janet Wilson – **Kumalo House, 69 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – extension of the existing house and sub-division into two dwellings with

associated conservatories and garages with room over.
Mr Carey Jones – **Barns adjacent to Brooklands Hall, Brook Lane, St Nicholas** – conversion of two detached barns (C and E) to residential units and demolition of disused barn D including associated hard-standing, landscaping and parking provision.
Mrs J Lloyd – **Penarth House, 7 Cliff Parade, Penarth** – dismantle sycamore in sections.
Mr JR Evans – **26 John Batchelor Way, Penarth** – modification to existing Juliet balcony to create hanging garden platform for planting.
Mrs Julie Jones – **Crosslands Kennels, Llandow** – small field to be used as car park, temporary membrane and gravel laid so field can be restored if and when required.
Mr Nathan Turpitt – **47 Cedar Way, Penarth** – single storey rear plot extension – west facing.
Swanbridge Developments – **Pier 64, Penarth Portway, Penarth Marina, Penarth** – retrospective change of use of part of the upper floor from Class B1 (office) to Class D1 (non-residen-

tial institution).
Timberaway – **Bluestones, Llancarfan** – remove conifer trees.
Mrs Jeanette Jones – **Gwyn House, 56 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – installation of solar panels.
Mr Steve Davies – **19 Cowslip Drive, Penarth** – single storey extension.
Mrs Michele Cutting – **12 Porthkerry road, Rhose** – front extension incorporating porch.
Mr Carey Jones – **Brooklands Hall, Brook Lane, St Nicholas** – proposal for a rear enclosure to accommodate a disabled lift.
Mrs Holmes – **9 Elm Grove Lane, Dinas Powys** – fell four birch trees.
Mr Mike Cuddy – **Tyn Y Caeu Farm, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge** – building to store agricultural machinery.
Mr Stephen Vickers, **Hafanydd, Gwern y Steeple, Peterston Super Ely** – single storey rear extension and associated alteration works.
Mr Ian Cross, **119 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – an exit to complement our current vehicular entrance

onto Stanwell Road.
Mr R Crockett, **40 Marine Drive, Barry** – single storey lounge extension.
Mr Phil Gershenson, **Tisbury, Port Road West, Barry** – extension to front elevation and loft conversion.
Capital Properties, **Unit 2 and 3, Herbert Terrace, Penarth** – change of use from A1 to A3 for the proposals of a licensed restaurant.
Mr Ross Allan, **16 Heol Street, Cattwg, Pendoylan** – remove a four-metre wide section of an 1850 to 2150 mm high solid brick wall, and replace with solid gates approximately 1,800mm high, painted white to match existing boundary wall.
Romeo Pizza, **13 Vere Street, Barry** – new signage, roller shutters and external flue to rear.
Mr and Mrs Rebecca Hooper, **102 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – erection of a single storey rear extension.
Mr and Mrs Raymond Singh, **70 Windsor Road, Penarth** – single storey extension to side and rear.
Mr Ben Wright, **72 Brean Close, Sully** –

two storey side extension and single storey porch extension to incorporate WC.
Mr John Hawkins, **Keepers Lodge, St Mary Church, Cowbridge** – new garage workshop/store and extend driveway/hardstanding.
Mr Stephen Tarling, **5 Percy Smith Road, Boverton** – single store extension to rear of house.
Mr Keith Williams, **63 Cae Canol, Penarth** – solar panels on rear (east facing) roof of property.
Mr Alan Arthur, **Baltimore House 1 and 2, Park Road, Barry** – demolish garage block, erection of five self-contained residential units.
Mr Stewart Gordon, **14 Albert Crescent, Penarth** – change of use to reinstate vacant Family Centre back to residential use.
Mr Alan Mead, **18 Norris Close, Penarth** – remove existing upvc porch and erect new extension to side using materials to match existing.
Ms Anna Cheney, **New House, Pancross Hill, Llancarfan** – retrospective application for

erection of close board timber fence on western boundary.
Mr Jonathan Burrows, **186 Holton Road, Barry** – change of use from ladies dress shop to insurance brokers at ground floor.
Mr Richard Hatfield, **35 Victoria Road, Penarth** – change of use of land to the rear of 37 Victoria Road to curtilage of no 35.
Demolition of existing garage and rebuild new garage at that site and use land as a vegetable garden.
Caroline Neudegg, **Burnaby House, St Hilary** – remove Beech tree.
Mr and Mrs Gary Ware, **32 Drylla, Southa Park, Dinas Powys** – single-storey rear and side extension.
Mrs Ruth Quinn, **Recreation Ground, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – new floodlights between the rugby pitches at the recreational grounds.
Taylor Wimpey, **land to the east of Pencodtre Lane, Barry** – The plot substitution of plots 1, 2, 20, 21, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 53, 66 and 67 for alternative house types.

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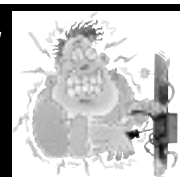


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Family Notices

PAUL ANTHONY JONES of Llantwit Major



The family wish to thank everyone
for their kind words and support
and for attending Paul's funeral.

Also grateful thanks to the emergency
services who attended to Paul.

Also to Arthur from W A Brown,
Funeral Directors, for his great support.

Mel Roberts

Gaynor, Sheryl and Barrie would like to thank all
their family and many friends for their kindness and
support during this sad time. Special thanks go to the
Llantwit Major Rugby Club, for everything they
have done for us, and to the staff at WA Brown &
Son for all the funeral arrangements.

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William Andrew

Peacefully on September 27 at College Fields
Nursing Home, Barry, William Andrew of Llantwit
Major. Beloved husband of Nancy, dearly loved
father of Russell, Denise and Leighton, a much
loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons,
Fonmon. Funeral Friday October 7, service 10.45am at
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation
at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. No
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Fields Nursing Home (for the comfort of residents)
c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

Keith Bethell Lycett

Keith's family were overwhelmed by all the
cards and messages received at this sad time.
We thank everyone for their kindness
and for the support given which is
greatly appreciated.
Keith will be sorely missed.

MAUND

George Leslie

Peacefully on September 29 at UHW, Cardiff,
George (Bill) of Llantwit Major, formerly Police
Station Sergeant at Llantwit Major. Beloved husband
and best friend of Shirley, father and father-in-law of
Shirley and Denzil, grandfather of Gavin, step-father
of Rod and step-grandfather of Morgan.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James &
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Vacancy
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LLANBLETHIAN EAST WARD
The Council, in accordance with Section 21(1)(a)
Representation of the People Act 1985,
shall fill this vacancy by way of co-option.
Any qualifying Local Government elector who
is interested in the possibility of being co-opted
onto the Town Council should inform the
undersigned in writing no later than
1.00 pm Friday 21st October 2011
*Please note that it is not a requirement to reside within the Ward.
Dated this 6th October 2011.
Mr Andrew Davies, Town Clerk
Cowbridge (Ancient Borough)
with Llanblethian Town Council
Town Hall, 21 High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AD

Deadline for Motor Cars
is 12 noon on Tuesday

Barry Pumas maintain their winning form

BARRY Pumas racked up three league points after dominating Whitchurch-based team Maltsters Arms.

Pumas managed to pass the ball despite the wet conditions and broke the deadlock on the 15-minute mark when Matthew Davie burst through the defence to slot the ball past the keeper.

On-form winger Brian Gillen got the second goal when his shot from 20 yards out found the corner of

the net.

Davie added another goal just before half time when he tapped in a Scott Christopherato cross.

With only a bare 11 players, Pumas fought hard in the second half but couldn't add any further goals.

Stand-in goalkeeper Dean Hyde earned himself the man of the match award with some fine saves, and they ran out 3-0 winners.

MORGAN STEPHENS

Major are victorious in the battle of the Llantwits

ON a beautiful Saturday afternoon it was the battle of the two Llantwits, with Llantwit Major AFC travelling to Llantwit Fardre.

The first ten minutes saw end to end football, but with neither team managing to keep possession, nor having a reasonable shot on target.

The Major were then awarded a free kick on the edge of the Fardre box, taken by Pratt and resulting in a good header from Robinson which struck a defender and went over the crossbar.

This chance was quickly followed by a great through ball to Mortimer on the right, who found Nash in a good position but his shot was well saved by the home goalkeeper.

Leigh Pratt was having a great game in mid-field, Nicky Cox played a great ball through to Faux, who was unmarked on the right wing, and scored a great goal, beating the Fardre keeper with a precision shot into the corner.

The home side battled back and were soon awarded a dangerous free kick, but the shot was pulled wide.

The visitors were getting more and more possession and playing some of their best football of the season creating several good chances for Wayne Faux and Sean Nash.

Robinson found Mortimer unmarked, but his shot went wide.

The half time whistle came with the Major well on top but having only scored the one goal from many chances and having by far the majority of the play.

After the break, Llantwit Fardre were quickly out of the blocks retaining possession well and having a couple of chances at goal.

Llantwit Major then got back into the game with a great break from midfield finding James Rees on the right, who in turn found the busy centre forward Nash, whose effort was ruled offside.

More creative play and some great battles in midfield from the visitors led to another good chance but Nash's shot was easily saved.

The Major continued with their relentless pressure, this time Nash finding Faux on his right, a great cross was met by Mortimer who headed just over the bar. The Major were playing more and more creative football in midfield and the second goal soon came from another good move down the left side, culminating with James Rees cutting inside and striking a great shot into the left corner, giving the home keeper no chance.

The Major continued to win everything in mid-field and Nash unselfishly found Mortimer, who shot well resulting in a good save and a corner being awarded.

Tim Watts, the Major's manager, brought on fresh legs with Rhys Attley and Lee Jones replacing the mid-field combination of Wayne Faux and James Rees.

Attley was quickly into the action breaking clear and finding Mortimer who struck well bringing another good save from the Fardre keeper, the ball striking the crossbar and out for a corner.

With ten minutes to go the Major skipper Lindsay, rested on the bench this week, replaced Mortimer upfront, and was soon into the play finding Dean Cleave who struck another good shot onto the bar.

Attley eventually got his name on the score-sheet when just before the final whistle he found himself one on one with the keeper and his scuffed shot found the net.

The Major keep their six point lead at the top of the table with both their rivals also winning away from home.

The man of the match could have gone to any of the visiting players, but this week it was the industrious Sean Nash.

Team: Lansdown, Garrett, Robinson, Cox, Shaw, Faux, Cleave, Rees, Pratt, Mortimer, Nash, Lindsay, Attley, Jones, Clement and Vincent.

The next game is at home to Hirwaun and Mackworth in the second round of the Seniors Cup, of which Llantwit Major are currently the holders.

PL

PGA at Southerndown

THE cream of Welsh golf will descend on Southerndown next week to contest the Welsh National PGA Championship, supported by Ryder Cup Europe.

Windermer-based Simon Edwards, who lifted the title for the third time in his career at Royal St David's 12 months ago, returns to defend his crown on the back of two international

forays. The tournament has been won by a host of leading players including Ian Woosnam, Percy Alliss, Sid Moulton and Brian Huggett.

The leading non-exempt finisher will earn a place in the Welsh team for the PGAs of Europe International Team Championship at Vale de Lobo in Portugal in November, plus a start in the 2012 Celtic Manor Wales Open.

Gellir cael copi o'r Hysbysiad hwn mewn print bras gan Lywodraeth Cymru, Trafnidiaeth, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ.

Deddf Cynllunio Gwlad A Thref 1990

Gorchymyn Cau Prifffyrdd (Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Pen-Y-Bont Ar Ogwr) 2011

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYNN bod Gweinidogion Cymru wedi gwneud Gorchymyn o dan adran 247 o Ddeddf Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref 1990, i weudoddi cau'r rhan o briffordd a ddigrifir yn Atodlen 1 i'r Hysbysiad hwn.

Dim ond er mwyn galluogi'r datblygiad a ddigrifir yn Atodlen 2 i'r Hysbysiad hwn i gael ei weud yr weudoddi cau'r briffordd. Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn yn peidio â bod yn effeithio os ydych chi chiad cymllunio yn dod i ben neu yn cael ei ddilysu.

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Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r Hysbysiad ar wefan Lywodraeth Cymru yn www.cymru.gov.uk [Detholir: Deddfheriaeth/deddfheriaeth/Offerynnau Arstatudol/Drafft/Gorchymyniau Cau Prifffyrdd: DCGT, 2011].

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ATODLEN Atodlen 1

(Bras amcan yw pob mesuriad)

Digrifid o'r rhannau o briffordd sydd i'w chau o dan y Gorchymyn hwn

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaead sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 12 i 26, Chelsea Avenue i ddwedd y man troi sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 12 i 26, sy'n 40.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 14 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cylarwm ei arwynebedd yn 271 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 1 a'r y plan a adnewydyd.

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Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaead sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 27 i 59, Chelsea Avenue i ddwedd y man troi, sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 27 i 59, sy'n 20.6 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.7 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cylarwm ei arwynebedd yn 228 o fetrau sgwâr ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 3 a'r y plan a adnewydyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue a'r ffordd bengaead sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 108 i 122, Chelsea Avenue i ddwedd y cylch troi, sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 108 i 122, sy'n 31.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.3 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cylarwm ei arwynebedd yn 334 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 4 a'r y plan a adnewydyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o ddrechur/cylch troi sy'n gyfagos i blot 154, Chelsea Avenue i ddwedd y cylch troi y tu allan i blot 157, Chelsea Avenue, sy'n 24.9 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.6 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cylarwm ei arwynebedd yn 327 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 5 a'r y plan a adnewydyd.

Atodlen 2

Y Datblygiad

Alldatblygu'r datblygiad tai cymdeirthasol presennol i allparau 116 o anheddau sy'n golygu cau'r ffordd pencaead preswyl presennol gan osod yn ei le gylfinl priffordd newydd yn Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, yn Mwydistrref Siro Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn unol â chanllunio a roddwyd o dan ffan III o Ddeddf 1990 gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Siro Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr ar 1 Mehefin 2011 o dan y cyfeirnod P09N687FUL.

A copy of this Notice in larger print can be obtained from Welsh Government, Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Town And Country Planning Act 1990

The Stopping Up Of Highways (Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Bridgend) Order 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers have made an Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to authorise the stopping up of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

The stopping up is authorised only in order to enable development to be carried out as described in Schedule 2 to this Notice. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

Copies of the Order and the deposited plan may be inspected free of charge during normal office hours at Bridgend Reference and Information Centre, Tŷ'r Ardd, Sunnyside, Bridgend CF31 4AR or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting reference C2510-5-53-QA5419191.

If any person desires to question the validity of the Order, or of any of the provisions contained therein, on the grounds:

- that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; or
- that their interests have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with any of the requirements of the Act,

that person may, within 6 weeks of 6 October 2011, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

A copy of the Order and Notice can be viewed at www.wales.gov.uk [Select: Legislation/Subordinate legislation/Non-Statutory Instruments/Transport/Wales/TCPA Stopping Up Orders, 2011].

M D BURNELL
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning head serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 40.5 metres, a maximum width of 14 metres, a total area of 271 square metres, and identified as area 1 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 26 metres, a maximum width of 16.3 metres, a total area of 275 square metres, and identified as area 2 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning head serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 20.6 metres, a maximum width of 18.7 metres, a total area of 228 square metres, and identified as area 3 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 31.5 metres, a maximum width of 18.3 metres, a total area of 334 square metres, and identified as area 4 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the start of the turning circle adjacent to plot 154, Chelsea Avenue to the end of the turning circle outside plot 157, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 24.9 metres, a maximum width of 18.6 metres, a total area of 327 square metres, and identified as area 5 on the deposited plan.

Schedule 2

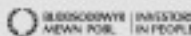
The Development

Redevelopment of existing social housing development to provide 116 dwellings involving the stopping up of existing residential cul-de-sacs to be replaced by a new highway layout at Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, in the County Borough of Bridgend in accordance with planning permission granted under Part 31 of the Act of 1990 by the Council on 1 June 2011 under reference P09N687FUL.



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BARRY RUGBY CLUB ROUND-UP

Seconds slip to first defeat of campaign

BARRY Second XV lost their first league match of the season despite a spirited display by an injury-ravaged side.

A combination of long-term and short-term injuries, along with last-minute first team call-ups, meant that the squad was down to the bare bones.

Coach Rhydian Scott was forced to play at scrum-half, with the Barrian pair of Ian Davies and Chris Bailey drafted to the squad, as well as third team player-manager Ken Chow, who made his first start for over six months.

The uncertainty in the back line early on was evident as their Cathays counterpart cut through with consummate ease in

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attack. Undeterred, Barry kept the ball in the tight as Scott began to take charge behind the scrum. The Barry set piece, which was shaky at first, began to function and allowed the pack the go-forward needed to generate momentum. Nick Rolfe, on his first game of the season, was outstanding in ball carrying with Kyle Rendall and David Hosking also doing their shifts tirelessly.

The home side's efforts were rewarded finally when Kyle Case drove over in a simple forwards move, with Adam Lee unable to add the extras with his boot.

While the green-and-whites were showing promise in attack, their

defensive frailties have not been addressed.

With a back line who have never played together before, they were allowing their opponents far too much room to manoeuvre in.

After Chow had managed to bundle the Cathays' number 8 into touch after he evaded the attentions of both Scott and Rolfe, the away side scored under the posts when the home defence were caught napping following a quick-tap penalty.

Barry did not learn from their mistakes and soon after the away side further increased their lead as they overloaded their right side to score in the corner.

Barry had a chance to

reduce the deficit just before half-time, when Mike Jones was released out wide and looked certain to score in the corner but somehow Cathays managed to scramble back to smother the danger.

The home side attempted to reverse their fortunes by bringing on Luke Bounds and he appeared to have the measure of his opposite number, but yet again Barry were punished for some poor tackling as the away side cut straight through the midfield to score underneath the posts.

With the game almost out of reach for Barry, they relied on the boot of stand-off Lee to gain them territory, and, from the pressure created, Scott rolled back the years to inch across the line to give them hope.

The conversion, however, was missed.

Lee was given a second opportunity with a penalty attempt later on which he duly took, with the help of the post.

He, however, was less successful with his next kick, after Barry had been awarded another penalty for a Cathays infringement.

Despite dominating territory and possession, and with the set piece giving the home side the platform to build on, they failed to add to the scoreboard.

Gavyn Elsworth combined with Rendall and was odds on to touch down but somehow the chance was butchered.

Instead, it was the away side who slotted over a late penalty to ensure the victory.

Team: Bailey; Chow, M. Jones, Hewitson, Davies; Scott, Lee; Lundy, Hosking, Elsworth; Munro, Tobin; Rendall, Case, Rolfe (c). **Subs used:** Houldey, Summerhayes, Thomas, Bounds.

Men-of-the-match: Scott and Case.

RA

KC

BARRY Rugby Club under-16s team played host in a friendly at the Reservoir Fields against Maesteg Welsh on Sunday.

Barry took the lead with a try by Tom Adams from a pass by Matthew O'Sullivan, who drew Maesteg Welsh's defence in and then threw the ball back out to Tom, which was then successfully converted by Jack Smith.

Tom then scored again a few minutes later with a kick over Maesteg Welsh's defence, kicked on by Tom to the try line to score his second try, which again was successfully converted by Jack Smith.

Lucas Davis was next to score by running straight through Maesteg Welsh's defence line, but unfortunately the try was not converted.

Barry's fourth came again from Tom, who sidestepped the defence and pushed off Maesteg players to run over the try line.

Barry then changed their kicker and Tom's try was successfully converted by Theo Richards.

Barry scored their last try in the first half of the game by Matthew O'Sullivan who drew the opposition defence and threw the ball to Tom Adams. Tom then ran down the pitch and drew the players in before throwing it inside back to Matthew for his first try of the match; this was successfully converted by Theo Richards for

the first half to finish Barry 33, Maesteg Welsh 0.

In the second half, Matthew O'Sullivan scored his second try, closely followed by Dane Lane pushing his way through with the defence hanging off him to reach the try line and put the ball over; both tries were successfully converted by Theo Richards.

After a lapse in defence, Maesteg Welsh scored their only try of the game but were unable to convert it.

With Barry putting good pressure on Maesteg Welsh, they went on to score two more tries, one by Jack Legg and one by the new boy of the team making his debut, Taylor Harris, with a run straight down the wing over the line. Both of those were also successfully converted yet again by Theo Richards.

Barry played some outstanding rugby with good teamwork and support, and in all there were nine tries and eight conversions for Barry, ending the match 61-5.

The Barry crowd were delighted at Barry's win as were the boys themselves. A warm applause was given to the Maesteg Welsh team as they left the pitch after their valiant effort.

Barry under-16s team would like to thank their supporters who turned up to watch the match and also their sponsors, Williams PM Electrical Ltd and LA Supplies Sportswear for their support.

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Under-14s make their mark

IN fantastic weather, 15 clubs from across the district converged on Llantwit Major RFC for the annual district under-14 rugby tournament last Sunday.

Drawing St Josephs and Llanishen plus local rivals Cowbridge in pool 2, Barry were hoping to progress to the latter stages of the tournament and take on some untested opposition.

The team had never in their recent history beaten Cowbridge, but coming out of the blocks with all cylinders firing, they soon demonstrated why they are the talked-about team in the Vale this season.

Final score: Barry 17, Cowbridge 0.

Having played both Cardiff sides at the beginning of the season, Barry knew what to expect from St Joe's and Llanishen.

Despite some ferocious hits, St Joe's were unable to channel their aggression into anything positive and were soon on the back foot, again staring at a defeat from Barry.

Final score: Barry 17, St Joseph's 5.

The last pool match against Llanishen was another one-sided encounter and despite a spirited performance from the black and reds, Barry dominated throughout.

Final score: Barry 38, Llanishen 0.

At the end of the pool stages Barry were top of the group and were through to the last four, having been drawn against much-fancied Rumney.

Wave after wave hit the Barry back line that held out initially, but some uncharacteristic weak tackling saw Rumney break through to score left of the posts.

Barry held out for the remain-

der of the half but were feeling the pressure.

The second half was possibly their best performance of the season as they camped down in the Rumney 22.

Getting the ball to the backs with ease let loose the wingers, but despite this sustained effort Barry were unable to cross the whitewash.

Final score: Barry 0, Rumney 7. This was a harsh lesson for Barry and their first defeat in 12 outings this season.

Coming up against a side like Rumney, who went on to win the tournament, beating Rhiwbina by 17 points, was an eye opener and a taste of things to come.

If you are an experienced rugby player and are looking to join Barry RFC under-14s, please contact Ioan Evans on 07764 256428.

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Imps show off their new kit



Cadoxton Imps under-16s

CADOXTON Imps under-16s recently received a new kit to start the new campaign.

A spokesman for the squad said: "On behalf of all the lads, we would like to say a big thank you to Lyndon and all the gang at LDS Motor Factors for sponsoring our kit. Thank you also to Ian and the team at Classic Sportswear for getting the kit to us for the start of the season."

"The lads started well, with convincing wins over Cowbridge and Dinas B, but found themselves up against a very well-organised and hard to break down Sully in their last match."

"We've integrated three fantastic new signings over the summer in Billy Gratton, Jo Walsh and Kieron Heppenstall, who all bring new dimensions to the team."

"The rest of the team have been brilliant in training, help-

ing the new lads settle in and playing some outstanding football."

This year's squad consists of Sam Rees Davies, Gage Waller, Jo Walsh, Tom Dyball, Jacob Burgess, Louis Burrows, Izaak Farrag, Ashley Cottle, Ben Pearce, Billy Gratton, Kieron Ashton, Kieron Thomas, Dan Morgan, Callum Harding, Jordan Williams and Kieron Heppenstall.

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SULLY SPORTS ROUND-UP

Sports firsts play their part in a superb game

AN awesome game, fiercely contested by both sides for 80 minutes, was a joy to watch.

Sports threw everything they had at Blaina for them to throw it right back at them, and some excellent defence turned into attack which saw Sully camp in Blaina's 22.

However, it wasn't to be, and Blaina broke out to score a well-

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worked try, duly converted.

Sports started the second half as strong as they finished the first, but Blaina denied them again and again. Blaina had a penalty in front of the post, making the score 10-0 to the visitors.

Yet another strong attack saw Sully camped in Blaina's 22, and a well-finished try

saw Nathan Taylor go over in the corner, leaving the score 10-5 to the visitors.

Richard Gully, Anthony Wakefield and Matthew Phillips took to the field but as time went away from Sports, Blaina scored the final try of the game.

This week sees the Firsts playing at home in a cup match and the

Seconds playing a friendly.

Team: Adam Wheeler, Ross Eason, Jody Velda, Anthony Wakefield, Richard Gully, Michael Angove (C), Alex Szuchnik, Dean Russell, Jason Evans, John Thomas, Justin Di Tomaso, John Dimond, Grantley Harris, Matthew Phillips, Dave Stillman, Mike Mees, Andrew Buckland, Wayne Jones, Nathan Taylor.

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BARRY TOWN THROUGH TO NEXT ROUND

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From the resulting corner, a Dragons defender almost headed an own goal but the second corner was easily taken by Dan Bradley, and the danger was averted.

The second half was more of the same with all the pressure coming from The Dragons but they were unable to add to their score whilst at the other end Dan Bradley was virtually a spectator.

Chances fell to Michael Hartley and Scott Jones but unfortunately, they could not convert them.

In the 62nd minute, the game was all but over when some great inter passing saw a lovely through ball to Michael Hartley, and he held off a strong challenge from a Merthyr defender to blast the ball past the stranded Merthyr keeper.

With their substitutes

now settling in, Merthyr started to play some good approach play but they were unable to penetrate a resolute Barry Town defence.

This was a thoroughly professional display by a determined Dragons team who were well worth this victory.

The travelling Barry Town supporters amongst the 435-strong crowd were in fine voice and sang their way through the whole game.

The players showed their appreciation at the end of the game by applauding them.

Dragons: Dan Bradley, Atif Bashir, Tom Ramasut (sub Dan Clare), Lewis Cosslett, Damon Searle, Scott Jones, Josh Bell (sub James Saddler), Michael Parkins, TJ Nagi, Ryan Jenkins, Michael Hartley. **Subs (not used):** Rhys Lewis, Nickie Jones, Brendan Cropley.

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Sully seconds cook up a try fest at home

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SULLY Sports Second XV continued their rich vein of form by clocking up another try fest in a league encounter against Tongwynlais.

On a day where beach rugby was more apt, the fast track pitch allowed Sully to play with maximum width with tries only minutes into the game coming from centre Ian Moore and fly-half Craig Hanley.

The pack were again at their rampaging best, with No 8 Scott Mills breaking tackles to collect two tries, plus tight-head Andrew Penberthy making barnstorming runs.

Sully rained down tries, with the Moyle family going over

through both Harry and father John.

The second half brought even more tries as Tongwynlais tired, with club stalwart Lee Walters crossing to add to his personal tally, plus winger Ian Paterson going over again.

Craig Hanley added another try, as well converting three of the nine tries that Sully scored.

Team: N Allsop, D Weston, I Moore, P Mees(c), S Morgan, C Hanley, R Thomas, D Stillman, J Jenkins, A Penberthy, N Harkin, J Moyle, J Di Tomaso, H Moyle, S Mills.

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Dinas put out of the Cup by Builth Wells

THIS was a costly result with Dinas unable to make the most of their chances in the game, while the visitors scored from two of their three strikes on goal.

The visitors caught the home defence cold, despite the heat, as early as the first minute, a Shane Claridge free-kick finding Lee James unmarked at the far post and he made no mistake heading in from eight yards.

Dinas responded with Joe Briscoe and Ricki Morgan shooting wide of goal and when a poor defensive clearance fell for Liam Jeremy on the left, his driven ball across the six yard box was cleared for an unproductive corner.

On 32 minutes a Builth free-kick, from a similar position to the one they scored from, was cleared for a corner taken by Jonny Samuel; keeper Damien Lack had to be alert to punch clear at his near post.

A few minutes later Will Green shot narrowly over the Dinas bar

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when a defensive clearance fell to his feet.

The home side had the final opportunity of the first-half when Ricki Morgan's free-kick hit the side netting but they weren't showing any cutting edge in the final third of the pitch and couldn't really complain going in a goal down.

Dinas started more brightly after the break and again it was the industrious Morgan who got to a Joe Hinds cross but he mis-kicked on the penalty spot and the chance was gone.

Fifteen minutes into the half, manager Phil Clay used his substitutes to try to pep up the attack in what had become a very warm autumn afternoon.

Dave Penikett saved the Dinas keeper's blushes when a long clearance by the Builth defence was allowed to bounce over him towards the goal, but he had time to clear the ball.

Dinas sub Mark

Dunford had an opportunity for the equaliser when he hooked a corner towards goal, but it was straight at Stuart Turpin in the Builth goal.

This proved costly when a couple of minutes later Builth doubled their lead.

A poor clearance by the home defence fell to Lee James who immediately drilled the ball low and into the corner of the net from the edge of the area.

A couple of efforts by Liam Jeremy were all Dinas could muster until a couple of minutes from full-time when Dinas produced the best move of the game.

A good ball found Dunford on the right of the area, and his in-

perfect ball found Joe Briscoe rushing in at the far post, but his diving header went inches wide of the post.

A poor display especially following on from the battling showing the previous week, but they will have to pick themselves up for a tough League Cup tie next week at home to First Division West End.

Squad: Damien Lack, Steve Provis, Mike Lewis, Chris Hinam, Dave Penikett, Kyle Offer, Ricki Morgan, Jordan Phillips, Jo Hinds, Joe Briscoe, Liam Jeremy. **Subs:** Richard Yarr, Paul McCarthy, Mark Dunford.

The next game is Welsh League Cup round two on Saturday, October 8, Dinas Powys v West End, kick-off 2pm.

For further news and fixtures, see the club's website: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk

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Rhoose under-13s' late winner

SULLY started well and used the advantage of the slope in the first half.

Rhoose defenders Patrick O'Carroll and Matt Cottingham remained solid at the back and linked up well with Josh Brown and Lee Bartlett in the middle of pitch.

Sully took the lead with a well-taken strike, but Rhoose upped the tempo and their pressure was rewarded when Mitch McCabe equalised from the penalty spot.

In the second half, Rhoose looked to play down the flanks with Daniel Cope and Jordan Holt both driving forward and delivering some excellent crosses.

Sully were denied the lead when goalkeeper Michael Wilson dived to his left to stop a long-range effort and Ryan Hughes sprinted back to make a

goal-line clearance.

Bradley Cayton fed the ball through to Mitch McCabe, whose effort went just wide and Joe Hopkins spread the ball well in midfield.

Rhoose grabbed the winner when Edward Thomas made a terrific long-range cross which was met by Cameron Leach, who timed his run to perfection and headed past the oncoming Sully goalkeeper.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Riders saddle up for challenge

TWELVE brave riders have taken up the reins in aid of the Countryside Alliance's Rural Race Challenge, which takes place during the Countryside Race Day at Ffos Las, on Sunday, October 9.

Experiencing the thrills, but hopefully not the spills, of racing will be last year's winner Elaine Francis, who romped home on *Hector's House*; and back for second helpings will be Cher Gill, Lynda Evans and Shan Cothi. Joining them will be Mickey Bowen, Craig Messenger, Rebecca Hitchcock, Nikki Evans,



Shan Cothi

Colin Evans, Rebecca Curtis who, incidentally, will be racing against her partner Gearoid Costello, and Anna Hughes, making up the field of 12.

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Evan's winner

LLANCAFARN trainer Evan Williams landed the Beginners Chase at Sedgfield last Tuesday with his six-year-old bay gelding *Get It On*, who romped home an 18-lengths winner under stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Get It On, who is owned by Mr John Lee Jones, was well backed at odds of 11-4 and looks sure to go on to better things.

On the flat at Chepstow, Bernard Llewellyn's *Sweet World*, ridden by Martin Lane, took division two of the Lindley Catering Handicap.

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by Tim Saunders

WHEN I was small, my Dad used to enjoy telling me Skoda jokes. His witty routine would include: why does a Skoda have a heated rear wind-screen? *Answer: To keep your hands warm when pushing it.* What do you call a soft top Skoda? *Answer: A skip.*

These cruel jokes weren't very fair because if nothing else, the Estelle and Favorit models of the 80s and 90s, to which these jokes referred, had more character than the mainstream competition and despite their curious looks, even these examples were pretty robust and reliable.

Since Volkswagen took over the brand in the early 90s, times have most certainly changed and if those jokes weren't relevant then, they most definitely are not now – so much so that Hampshire Constabulary runs Skoda Octavias in its fleet.

Skoda Octavia Scout



For those motorists who need a 4x4 but also want an estate, Skoda has further improved on its legendary Octavia by adding a Scout version, which was first introduced in 2007.

Basically, it has raised ride height and fixed four wheel drive – all for under £23,000. The test car fitted with the two-litre diesel engine and six-speed automatic box makes for an extremely agile and capable vehicle.

It is easy to forget that it is a massive estate car with a capacious boot that can swallow a week's shopping and my daughter's pushchair without an issue.

This brute almost delivers 50mpg and yet has the ability to be driven long and hard, if required, and has excellent, responsive braking. I can see why the police like their Skodas.

Inside, the comfy Alcantara upholstery – a mix of leather and suede – provides a luxurious feel. However, the diesel unit is a little noisy and can be heard from inside but nevertheless, it feels a very well put together and solid car.

Parkers, the car experts, said: "The Octavia Scout is an ideal choice for 4x4 buyers looking for less bulk. There's all the practicality of the

Octavia estate but with the bonus of four-wheel drive when you need it, raised ride height and underbody protection.

"It is ideal if you only need occasional off-road ability or regularly tow trailers or caravans. It also comes very well equipped as standard."

All in all, the competitively priced Scout is a great alternative to a traditional 4x4. No longer are there any jokes to be had at Skoda's expense.

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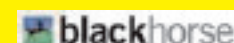


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PLEASURE and pride, placed with relief, were evident in the Wales head coach Warren Gatland's post-match reaction to Sunday's 66-0 triumph against Fiji in Hamilton, which propelled his young charges into the quarter finals of the Rugby World Cup.

The pleasure came from watching his players produce arguably the most complete 80-minute performance of his four-year reign – just when it mattered – in front of an admiring global audience of millions.

The pride stemmed from seeing them achieve this in the New Zealander's own home town, where the former All Black is a household name.

The relief stemmed from the fact that the resounding result had not only avenged Wales' humiliating exit at the hands of Fiji in the corresponding pool stage of the 2007 World Cup, but also lifted the weight of expectation from his shoulders.

The Kiwi had frankly stated before the tournament began that like his predecessor, Gareth Jenkins, he fully expected to lose his job if Wales again failed to reach the quarter finals.

In truth, though it was the minimum target set, such punitive action was extremely unlikely, given that the Welsh Rugby Union wisely extended his contract up to

the next Rugby World Cup in four years' time, even before the squad left for Down Under.

Even so, the issue was made irrelevant on Sunday by the clinical dismantling of the dangerous South Sea Islanders who had won 38-34 on that dark day in 2007 at Stade de la Beauvoir.

Interestingly, though it was of little comfort to the dismayed Welsh camp at the time, neutral observers voted it one of the most compelling games of free-flowing rugby ever seen in the World Cup.

Wales had won on the six previous occasions the two had met, including the 40-3 opener in 1985 and 58-14 in 2002; but on November 11 last year, battling Fiji stunned Wales again by holding them to a 16-16 draw at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

Ten months on, it is a different story – for much has happened since then to effect a change in the Welsh psyche and much of this has to be credited to Gatland's coaching regime.

Morale-boosting RWC warm-up wins over England and Argentina and a Polish 'deep-freeze boot camp' helped hone this fast-developing Welsh team into a super-fit fighting force, with a new-found mental and physical toughness that means they can now hold their own with



ABOVE: George North in action against Fiji.
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These are the qualities that are now coming to the fore in this World Cup.

"We worked really hard in the close season. We wanted to be ruthless and showed this (against Fiji). It was a good balanced performance," Gatland said with typical understatement.

In fact, the game was as good as over with a bonus point in the bag before halftime. Jamie Roberts carved his way through the defence after just four minutes for

a try, followed by three more from fellow centre Scott Williams, man-of-the-match George North and dynamic skipper Sam Warburton.

Outside half Rhys Priestland landed the conversions and a penalty to make the score 31-0 at the change-over.

With the set pieces holding firm and forwards and backs linking superbly, Jamie Roberts again opened the proceedings with a try, following a powerful break by North, who like his skipper, seemed to be popping up everywhere.

Then the floodgates opened as the shell-shocked Fijians found red shirts running at them from all directions.

As the Welsh replacements poured on, there were tries for hooker Lloyd Burns, Leigh Halfpenny (after an outrageous chip-ahead by prop and wannabe three-quarter Gethin Jenkins!) Lloyd Williams, and Jonathon Davies, which were converted by veteran stand-off Stephen Jones.

A 66-0 victory, including nine tries, and second place in pool D was a satisfying conclusion to Welsh efforts that had seen 180 points amassed in their four games (16-17 v South Africa; 17-10 v Samoa; 81-7 v Namibia).

Ireland's impressive 36-6 victory over Italy set up the predicted Celtic clash between the two out-

standing northern hemisphere sides, in the quarter final at Eden Park on Saturday.

The more experienced, street-wise Irish and their clutch of British Lions, on the back of their convincing win over Australia, will no doubt be seen as favourites; but rest assured, there is a lot more yet to come from this confident young Wales team and a truly enthralling battle royal is in prospect.

It promises to be yet another no-holds barred encounter, between two sides that know each other well.

With this in mind, the Welsh coaches know that there are still some problem areas to be sorted out – in particular, the high number of penalties conceded.

Fiji spurned many goal-kicking opportunities, but against Ireland careless indiscretions will not go unpunished.

In a game that could well go to the wire, indiscipline could be the factor that finally decides the outcome.

However, if this confident young Wales team can replicate the urgency and clinical control shown in their pool games, man-for-man they are infinitely capable of matching Ireland and marching on to a semi-final date with England or France.

In the words of that old sporting cliché, there is everything to play for – but whatever the result, the squad have already done Wales proud.

DISAPPOINTING AWAY LOSS FOR BARRY RFC AT ABERCWMBOI

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BARRY travelled to Abercwmboi last Saturday with a team ravaged by injuries and unavailable players.

The problem was compounded by these absences being in the vital areas of half-back and front row, while shortage of substitute cover also weakened the squad.

The game started with the visitors going on the offensive and following good forward pressure, scrum-half Lee crossed wide out. He was unable to register the added points.

After 20 minutes or so, Barry incurred the wrath of the referee with the official issuing two yellow cards to Barry players. While one was for a supposed offence that mystified many, the other was for punching and got the punishment such unnecessary behaviour

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warranted.

From one of these indiscretions, Abercwmboi narrowed the deficit with a well-struck penalty. Players who have themselves yellow-carded should understand the consequences for their teammates.

Down to 13 men, the Barry team did well to contain the home side to only a further two penalties.

Their cause was not helped by the referee who missed a tackle in the air. He also decided that a deliberate knock forward deserved a penalty, but was not worthy of a yellow card.

During the latter part of the first half, there were some notable contributions from captain Jones and Hadfield.

The second period

opened with Barry very much in touch but the time spent 'in the bin' was having its effect in such very hot conditions.

The play continued in fits and starts with the fluency of last week notably absent, though there were valiant efforts to create some continuity through Evans, Hollister and particularly Parker.

With the introduction of two replacements, Barry soon earned a penalty converted by Lee, which put them within one point of the home side. However, the conceding of a penalty for indiscipline spoilt the good work.

Barry began to attack with some intent, so it was galling to fall further behind when they made a mess of dealing with a hack

through by an Abercwmboi centre.

Undeterred, Barry continued to throw everything they had at their opponents' line, but in chasing the game in stoppage time, they fell further behind when the home side risked all on an interception and the play paid off.

The final score did not truly reflect what had been a close fought encounter.

Team: O'Sullivan, Evans, Hollister, King, Degaura, Hadfield, Jones (C), Parker, Lee, Ryan, J. Williams, Busuttil, Brown, Adams, Provis. Subs. A. Brown, D. Williams, Poole.

This Saturday, Barry are at home to Llanrumney in the SWALEC Bowl competition.

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Town show killer touch to progress in Welsh Cup

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ON a sweltering day in Merthyr, The Dragons put their former rivals to the sword in an impressive all round display of football in this FAW Welsh Cup first round match.

In the first 10 minutes the team created chances but they were spurned, TJ Nagi having the best chance when a poor goal kick from Merthyr's keeper was picked up by TJ but the keeper saved his scuffed shot.

Barry were soon rewarded for their pressure when, on 12 minutes, a corner from Mike Parkins was palmed by the keeper to Lewis Cosslett who fired the ball into the roof of the net to give The Dragons

the lead; it was no more than they deserved.

Merthyr were resorting to shots from distance as the Barry Town defence stood firm under the marshalling of the experienced Damon Searle.

The Dragons continued to create chances but the final ball was not on target.

Merthyr Town were wilting under the pressure applied by The Dragons, whose passing game was superb and it was no surprise when a cross ball from Josh Bell was smashed home by Michael Hartley from 15 yards out.

Merthyr seemed to wake up and forced Dan Bradley into his first save of the game.

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